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Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

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...of British Columbia,

—OF THE—

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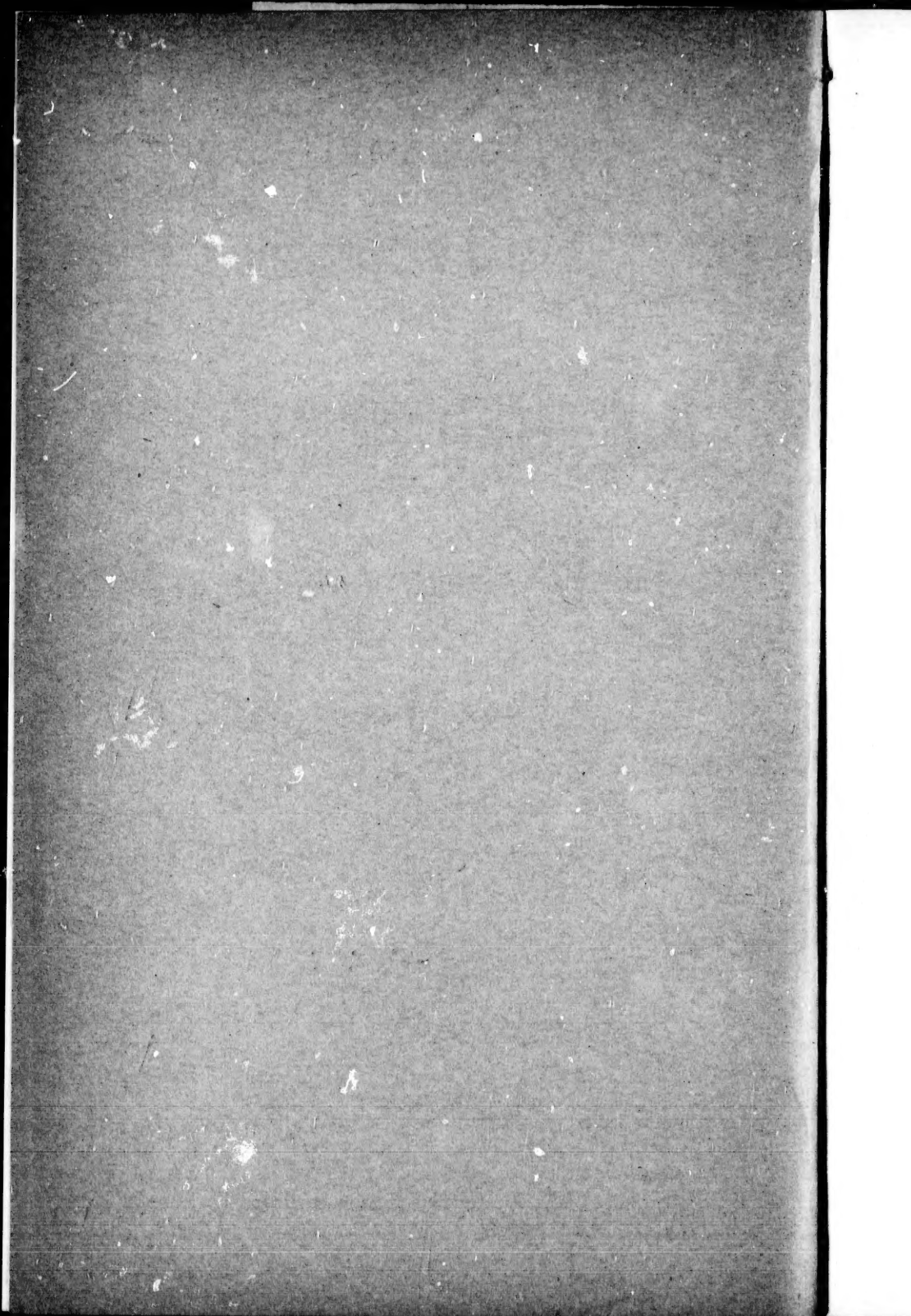
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GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,
8th June, 1898.

The Grand Lodge convened at 2.25 p.m., this day,
pursuant to notice.

Present:—

W. H. Morton.....	Grand Master.
A. Henderson.....	Deputy Grand Master.
E. C. Davison.....	Grand Warden.
Fred. Davey.....	" Secretary.
S. W. Edwards.....	" Treasurer.
D. Welsh.....	" Representative.
T. F. Neelands.....	" Representative.
J. Newton.....	Acting " Marshal.
W. Hogg.....	" Guardian.
D. D. Griffiths.....	" Conductor.
W. B. Skinner.....	" Herald.

All present were examined and reported duly qualified, and a quorum being in attendance, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. J. Newton, No. 20, Acting Grand Marshal.

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The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Representatives elect together with the certificates of Past Grands entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, which were referred to the following committee:—Representatives T. A. Muir, No. 3; W. H. Gardiner, No. 27; J. Stark, No. 26.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the Credentials of the Representatives to this Session and find the following duly accredited:—

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Victoria, No. 1.....	F. Carne, P.G.M. J. York.	W. H. Huxtable. A. Graham.
B.C., No. 2.....	J. S. Smith. A. Edwards. P. W. Dempster.	R. W. Fawcett. J. Pottinger. M. Humber.
New Westminster, No. 3.	T. A. Muir. W. Smith.	D. E. McKenzie. R. L. Reid.
Dominion, No. 4.....	E. Bragg.	T. Bamford.
Black Diamond, No. 5....	J. Crossan, P.G.M. D. G. Dailey.	G. Ramsay. H. McAdie.
Harmony, No. 6.....	Wm. Hunter. Rd. Bailey.	A. Robertson. D. R. Haggart.
Excelsior, No. 7.....	J. Peers.	S. A. Cawley.
Vancouver, No. 8.....	A. B. Miller. W. E. Johnstone.	T. Wheeling. J. A. McKay.
Tatnai, No. 9.....	S. Clarke, M.D.	J. S. Smith.
Western Star, No. 10....	J. R. Webster. D. M. O'Dwyer. E. P. Dennis.	W. G. Elliott. A. Parker. J. Hurliman.
Union, No. 11.....	A. McKnight.	R. Cessford.
Selkirk, No. 12.....	Jno. Palmer.	J. Stirett.
Royal City, No. 13.....	H. Gilley.	W. E. Fales.
Acme, No. 14.....	A. Sheret.	T. Tubman.
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	J. C. Murphy.	W. H. Frampton.
Kootenay, No. 16.....	J. Neelands.	E. C. Arthur, M.D.
Duncan, No. 17.....	W. Dingwall.	J. Cathcart.

LODGE.	REPRESENTVTVIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Vernon Valley, No. 18...	H. C. Cooper.	T. E. Crowell.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19...	G. H. Middlemiss.	J. Hutson.
Centennial, No. 20	J. Newton.	F. S. Whiteside.
	R. Bell.	G. McKinnell.
Delta, No. 21	F. McCullough	J. F. Stainton.
Gold Range, No. 22.....	J. Z. Choate.	P. Wade.
Ashcroft, No. 23	J. C. Smith.	F. C. Tingley.
Island, No. 24.....	D. E. McKay.	R. H. Abercombie.
Revelstoke, No. 25	J. A. Stone.	R. S. Wilson.
Pacific, No. 26.....	H. J. Rickard.	G. L. Center.
	J. Stark.	S. L. Currie.
	G. R. Gordon.	G. W. Rowland.
	F. Cockburn.	W. E. Flumerfelt,
Amity, No. 27	R. May.	W. C. Calhoun.
	W. H. Gardiner.	C. C. Fisher.
Cheam, No. 28.....	H. Fooks.	B. Vance.
Friendship, No. 30.....	N. McCuish.	A. Dunlap.
Banner, No. 31.....	D. D. Griffiths.	T. Bryant.
Peerless, No. 33	C. Porter.	W. J. Hanna.
	H. Siddall.	W. R. Macintosh.
Rocky Mountain, No. 34.	H. G. Parsons.	D. M. Rae.
Cedar, No. 35.....	H. N. McDonald.	G. Woobank.
Rossland, No. 36.....	H.J. Raymer, P.G.M.	
Carson, No. 37	J. McLaren.	D. M. McLaren.
Boundary Valley, No. 38.	T. Hardy.	R. Smailes.
Silver City, No. 39.....	C. E. Lyons.	H. C. Douglas.
Slocan, No. 40.	A. C. Teeter.	

Also that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:—

Victoria, No. 1.....	J. Rumble, E. Shaper.
Columbia, No. 2.....	A. Edwards, J. S. Smith.
New Westminster, No. 3.	D. E. McKenzie, R. L. Reid.
Dominion, No. 4.....	F. Kermode.
Black Diamond, No. 5...	R. Gillard.
Harmony, No. 6	M. Dunsmuir, W. Hunter.
Vancouver, No. 8	W. Croy, T. Wheeling.
Western Star, No. 10 ..	E. P. Dennis, W. G. Elliott.
Selkirk, No. 12	T. Johnston, W. Woodhouse.
Royal City, No. 13	W. E. Fales, W. Andrews, D. Walker.
Acme, No. 14	T. Tubman, F. Billingsley.
Cloverdale, No. 15	C. C. Cameron, A. N. Anderson.
Kootenay, No. 16.....	J. Neelands.

Duncan, No. 17	J. Cathcart, W. Dingwall.
Vernon Valley, No. 18	H. C. Cooper, F. E. Crowell.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	G. H. Middlemiss, T. B. Croston, J. Hutson.
Centennial, No. 20	R. Bell.
Delta, No. 21	F. McCullough.
Ashcroft, No. 23	J. C. Smith, F. C. Fingley.
Island, No. 24	D. E. McKay.
Revelstoke, No. 25	J. A. Stone, R. S. Wilson.
Pacific, No. 26	F. Cockburn, H. J. Rickard.
Amity, No. 27	C. C. Fisher, W. C. Calhoun.
Cheam, No. 28	H. Fooks, R. E. McDonald.
Friendship, No. 30	N. McCuish.
Peerless, No. 33	C. Porter, H. Siddall.
Rocky Mountain, No. 34	D. M. Rae, H. G. Parsons.
Cedar, No. 35	J. G. Petherick.
Rossland, No. 36	C. McDonell.
Carson, No. 37	D. D. McLaren, J. McLaren.
Boundary Valley, No. 38	R. Smailes, T. Hardy.
Silver City, No. 39	H. Douglas, H. C. Holden.
Slocan, No. 40	A. C. Teeter.

JAMES STARK.
W. H. GARDINER.
T. A. MUIR.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the Past Grands in waiting and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following:—A. Edwards, J. S. Smith, No. 2; D. E. McKenzie, R. L. Reid, W. S. Smith, No. 3; E. Bragg, No. 4; W. Hunter, No. 6; T. Wheeling, No. 8; W. G. Elliott, T. Ward, No. 10; A. McKnight; No. 11; J. Palmer, No. 12; H. Gilley, M. Phillips, No. 13; A. Sheret, No. 14; W. H. Frampton, No. 15; J. Neelands, No. 16; H. C. Cooper, No. 18; R. Bell, No. 20; J. C. Smith, No. 23; D. E. McKay, No. 24; J. A. Stone, No. 25; F. Cockburn, H. J. Rickard, No. 26; C. C. Fisher, W. C. Calhoun, No. 27; H. Fooks, No. 28; N. McCuish, No. 30; H. Siddall, No. 33; H. G. Parsons, No. 34; H. McDonald, No. 35; T. Hardy, No. 38; A. C. Teeter, No. 40.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the minutes of the last annual Session be adopted as printed

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to fill the Committees, which, when complete, consisted as follows:

FINANCE.—W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; J. S. Smith, No. 2; G. R. Gordon, No. 26; H. Fooks, No. 28; H. G. Parsons, No. 34; A. H. Ferguson, No. 3.

APPEALS.—H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M., No. 10; T. A. Muir, No. 3; E. Bragg, No. 4; J. Z. Choate, No. 22; W. J. Hanna, No. 33; R. Bailey, No. 6.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; W. Hunter, No. 6; F. McCullough, No. 21; R. May, No. 27; A. B. Miller, No. 8.

PETITIONS.—S. Clarke, M.D., No. 9; A. Edwards, No. 2; J. Peers, No. 7; J. McLaren, No. 37; T. Hardy, No. 38; W. G. Elliott, No. 10.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—W. H. Gardiner, No. 27; F. Carne, P.G.M., No. 1; J. R. Webster, No. 10; J. A. Stone, No. 25; H. Siddall, No. 33; J. Palmer, No. 12; A. C. Teeter, No. 40.

LEGISLATION.—J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 3; A. McKnight, No. 11; J. C. Murphy, No. 15; H. J. Rickard, No. 26; D. D. Griffiths, No. 31; W. Dingwall, No. 17.

JUDICIARY.—J. Stark, No. 26; D. G. Dailey, No. 5; D. M. O'Dwyer, No. 10; A. Sheret, No. 14; H. J. Rayner, P.G.M., No. 36; R. Bell, No. 6.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—J. Newton, No. 20; J. York, No. 1; J. Neelands, No. 16; H. C. Cooper, No. 18; W. Smith, No. 3; D. E. McKay, No. 24.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary; F. Cockburn, No. 26; H. Gilley, No. 3; J. C. Smith, No. 23; N. McCuish, No. 30; H. N. McDonald, No. 35.

A communication was read from "Beulah" Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, asking the Grand Lodge to fix a time and place at which the Lodge could give an exemplification of

the Beautified work of the Rebekah Degree. It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the offer be accepted and the Lodge informed that the Grand Lodge will be pleased to witness the work in this Hall, to-morrow evening, at 8:30 o'clock.

The Grand Master read his Report, which was, on motion, ordered to be received and handed to a Committee to distribute the same to the various Committees.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN.—It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and honor that I extend to you greetings and welcome you at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and to present to you the annual report in connection with the office of Grand Master.

I regret not being able to report an increase in the number of members during the year 1897; but this is not to be wondered at when we consider that during the greater part of that year the Province of British Columbia was, commercially and industrially, in a very depressed state. From information supplied me, I have every reason to believe that the returns to the end of June will show that the loss has been more than recovered.

During my term of office I have made every effort to visit as many Lodges of the Jurisdiction as possible, and am only sorry that, owing to the urgent claims of my new business venture on my time, I could not pay an official visit to each lodge holding allegiance to this Grand Lodge. However, I trust that the members of the Lodges I have been unable to reach will accept my excuse, for I can assure them that it was my earnest desire to become personally acquainted with every Lodge, and, if practicable, every member, in the Jurisdiction.

During my official visits to the Lodges in the Mainland Division of the Jurisdiction, I had the good fortune to be accompanied by Grand Representative Bro. D. Welsh, who very efficiently and carefully exemplified the secret work of the Order, and I am certain he has effected quite a change for the better in many of the Lodges we visited. To secure uniformity in the Floor Work, arrangements should be made for some Brother, duly qualified, to visit all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, at least once in two years.

APPOINTMENTS.

Appointed Bro. McCullough, P.G. of Delta Lodge, No. 21, D. D. G. M., District No. 14, in place of Bro. H. Kinsman.

Appointed Bro. Hodson, of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, D.D.G.M., District No. 11, in place of Bro. Turner, who moved out of Jurisdiction.

Appointed Bro. W. McGirr, of Friendship Lodge, No. 30, as D.D.G.M., District No. 3, in place of Bro. Dunlap, who resigned.

Appointed Bro. R. S. Wilson, of Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, as D.D.G.M., District No. 19, in place of Bro. F. Mesley, who resigned.

Appointed Bro. R. Bailey, of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, as D.D. G.M., District No. 4, in place of Bro. D. J. McInnes, resigned.

Appointed Bro. Ben Robertson, P.G., as D.D.G.M. of District No. 24, for Sloean Lodge, No. 40.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Installed the Officers of the following Lodges :

Banner Lodge, No. 31, January 3rd, 1898.

Harmony Lodge, No. 6, January 5th, 1898.

Duncan Lodge, No. 17, January 8th, 1898.

Centennial Lodge, No. 20, January 10th, 1898.

Friendship Lodge, No. 30, January 14th, 1898.

Cedar Lodge, No. 35, January 15th, 1898.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, January 19th, 1898.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Installed the Officers of the following Lodges :

Miriam Lodge, No. 3, January 10th, 1898.

Laurel Lodge, No. 9, January 12th, 1898.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26, Vancouver, November 8th, 1897.

Banner Lodge, No. 31, Wellington, January 3rd, 1898.

Harmony Lodge, No. 6, Wellington, January 5th, 1898.

Duncan Lodge, No. 17, Duncan, January 8th, 1898.

Centennial Lodge, No. 20, Nanaimo, January 10th, 1898.

Friendship Lodge, No. 30, Nanaimo, January 14, 1898.

Cedar Lodge, No. 35, Cedar, January 15th, 1898.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, January 19th, 1898.

Victoria Lodges, Victoria, February 17th, 1898. (Joint Meeting.)

Vancouver Lodges, Vancouver, February 28th, 1898. (Joint Meeting.)

Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack, March 1st, 1898.

Cheam Lodge, No. 28, Agassiz, March 2nd, 1898.

New Westminster Lodges, New Westminster, March 3rd, 1898. (Joint Meeting.)

Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, Cloverdale, March 4th, 1898.

Island Lodge, No. 24, Eburne, March 5th, 1898.

Delta Lodge, No. 21, Ladner's, March 7th, 1898.

Union Lodge, No. 11, Union, May 11th, 1898.

Duncan Lodge, No. 17, Duncan, May 21st, 1898.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Miriam Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, January 10th, 1898.

Laurel Lodge, No. 9, Wellington, January 12th, 1898.

Beulah Lodge, No. 5, New Westminster, March 8th, 1898.

Colfax Lodge, No. 1, Victoria, May 11th, 1898.

Finding myself unable to visit all the Lodges in the interior, I requested Bro. E. C. Davison, G.W. to visit the Lodges in the upper country, which he very willingly consented to do, and reported as follows :

Visited Golden Range Lodge, No. 22, North Bend, April 6th, 1898.

Visited Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, Donald, April 7th, 1898.

Visited Rossland Lodge, No. 36, Rossland, April 11th, 1898.

Visited Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, Nelson, April 15th, 1898.

Visited Slocan Lodge, No. 40, Slocan City, April 19th, 1898.

Visited Silver City Lodge, No. 39, Sandon, April 22nd, 1898.

Visited Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, Greenwood, May 21st, 1898.

Visited Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, Kamloops, May 25th, 1898.

Bro. Davison reports the Lodges in the interior all in good condition and doing well.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

To Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a Strawberry Festival on June 15th, 1897.

To Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, to Ballot for, and Initiate a Candidate at the same meeting on July 15th, 1897.

To Lodges in Victoria to hold a Joint Excursion to Seattle on July 24th, 1897.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a Picnic on August 7th, 1897.

To Slocan Lodge, No. 40, to hold a Ball on October 9th, 1897.

To Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to hold a Special Meeting to confer the Initiatory Degree on November 8th, 1897.

To Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to celebrate the Anniversary of their Lodge on November 11th, 1897.

To Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a Ball on December 10th, 1897.

To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a Ball on December 8th, 1897.

To Cedar Lodge, No. 35, to hold a Ball and Supper on December 24th, 1897.

To Pacific Lodge, No. 26, to hold an At Home on December 6th, 1897.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a Social Dance on December 31st, 1897.

To Delta Lodge, No. 21, to hold a Dance on December 30th, 1897.

To Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, to hold a series of Entertainments for the benefit of their Lodge, December 30th, 1897.

To Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to hold a Dance on February 16th, 1898, the Anniversary of their Lodge.

To Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a Valentine Party on February 10th, 1898.

To Silver City Lodge, No. 39, to hold an Entertainment on April 21st, 1898.

To Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to hold a Dance on April 23rd, 1898.

To Acme Lodge, No. 14, to change their place of meeting to a more suitable Hall, March 8th, 1898.

To Amity Lodge, No. 27, to hold an Anniversary Entertainment on May 2nd, 1898.

To Friendship Lodge, No. 30, Nanaimo, permission to merge into Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, on 27th May, 1898.

To Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, New Westminster, permission to Ballot for and Initiate several Candidates at the same meeting, 8th June, 1898.

DECISIONS.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The following decisions have been given by me during the year ;

1. *Ques.*—Is it permissible to admit members during conferring any of the degrees ?

Ans.—No.

2. *Ques.*—Where a Brother has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and before one year from date of his suspension applies for reinstatement and pays one year's dues, is it his right to be reinstated, or has the Lodge the right to ballot on such application and refuse to readmit him ?

Ans.—Yes ; upon application and payment of one year's dues, a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for less than twelve months must be reinstated by his Lodge without ballot, in absence of local law to the contrary.

3. *Ques.*—Must a Brother pay dues in advance the same as on a visiting card in order to visit on the new receipt ?

Ans.—Yes.

4. *Ques.*—Can a Brother deposit the new receipt in another Lodge for admission the same as visiting card ?

Ans.—Yes.

5. *Ques.*—In an initiation should the acting P.G. (in closing his charge) greet and welcome the Brother by giving him the initiatory grip ?

Ans.—No.

6. *Ques.*—Has a Lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railway fare and carriage hire for its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the Lodge room ?

Ans.—No.

7. *Ques.*—A member being dropped for non-payment of dues and being rejected upon application for reinstatement, can he renew his application for reinstatement at the expiration of six months ?

Ans.—Yes; he can renew his application for reinstatement any number of times after rejection, each time waiting until the expiration of the time limited by local law provided in other cases of applications by candidates for admission.

8. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge lawfully use the money in the Trust Fund for the purpose of building a stable and other necessary buildings in connection with their Hall, on their own property?

Ans.—Referred to Section 335 of the Digest.

9. *Ques.*—A Sister after being installed as Noble Grand was absent first two meetings, was present the next six meetings and absent the next four meetings, is she entitled to the honors of a Noble Grand?

Ans.—Yes.

10. *Ques.*—After a Brother has been a member of the Order for a number of years, he finds out that the name he gave to the Lodge was not his right name, he not knowing it at the time of becoming a member; he then changes his name; what effect will it have on his membership?

Ans.—It will not affect his membership if the other part of his application was according to law.

11. *Ques.*—A Sister of Rebekah, who is in arrears about five years and has been suspended for non-payment of dues, wishes to become a member again in another Lodge; at the time of her initiation she was single, now she is married, and her husband is not an Odd Fellow; how can she become a member again?

Ans.—She can become a member again by being reinstated in her own Lodge and getting a withdrawal card to join another Lodge.

12. *Ques.*—Is a Brother guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow and liable to charges, who not being engaged as a saloon-keeper or bartender at the time the recent Ineligibility Law was passed, has since engaged in it?

Ans.—Yes. See Grand Sire John W. Stebbin's decision No. 88.

13. *Ques.*—Is a Brother who is in good standing when taken sick, and is not reported sick in the Lodge until he is in arrears, entitled to benefit?

Ans.—A Brother who was in good standing at the time he was taken sick and not reported until he is in arrears is entitled to benefits, providing he complies with the by-laws of the Lodge regarding reporting himself sick.

14. *Ques.*—Is a P.G. who is Treasurer in our Lodge eligible for a representative to the Grand Lodge?

Ans.—Yes.

PROCLAMATION.

I received the usual Proclamations from the Grand Sire relative to the observance of the Anniversary of the Order and Memorial Day, in consequence of which I issued the following Proclamations to the Lodges, subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :

NANAIMO, B.C., 8th March, 1898.

*To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
I. O. O. F. :*

GREETING:—In accordance with custom, and in compliance with the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I, W. H. Morton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., do hereby request the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the Twentieth-Sixth Day of April next, the Seventy-Ninth Anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises; and inasmuch as certain Lodges may desire to appear in Regalia, I do hereby grant permission to all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction to wear the Regalia of the Order upon this occasion, subject to such restrictions as are prescribed by our law.

W. H. MORTON,
GRAND MASTER.

Attest :
FRED'K DAVEY,
GRAND SECRETARY.

NANAIMO, B. C., 18th May, 1898.

*To the Lodges Subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
I. O. O. F. :*

GREETING:—The Grand Sire having issued his Proclamation requesting all Subordinate Lodges of the Order to observe the Thirteenth Day of June next as "Memorial Day," now, therefore, I, W. H. Morton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., do hereby request the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge to assemble at their respective Lodge rooms on the day above mentioned, or on such other day as the Lodges may deem more convenient, and to engage in suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members.

And inasmuch as some Lodges may desire to appear in Regalia, permission is hereby given to all Subordinate Lodges to appear in public in Regalia on this occasion, subject to the restriction of the laws of the Order in that behalf.

W. H. MORTON,
GRAND MASTER.

Attest:
FRED'K DAVEY,
GRAND SECRETARY.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

I beg to submit the following statement of expenses incurred by me, and miles travelled, whilst holding this office:

Nanaimo to Vancouver and return.....	\$ 3 50
Hotel Expenses (2).....	2 00
Nanaimo to Victoria and return.....	5 00
Nanaimo to Cedar and return.....	3 00
Nanaimo to Wellington and return.....	2 50
Nanaimo to Duncan and return.....	3 00
Nanaimo to Wellington and return	2 50
Nanaimo to Vancouver	2 00
Vancouver to Chilliwack (2)	10 00
Chilliwack to Agassiz (2).....	4 00
Hotel Expenses (2).....	5 00
Agassiz to New Westminster (2)	7 00
New Westminster to Cloverdale and return.....	5 00
Meals	1 00
New Westminster to Eburne.....	1 50
Meals.....	1 00
Hotel Expenses	5 00
Vancouver to Ladners and return (2)	8 00
Meals	1 00
Vancouver to Nanaimo	2 00
Nanaimo to Victoria and return	5 00
Nanaimo to Wellington and return.....	2 50
Nanaimo to Cedar and return	3 00
Nanaimo to Union and return.....	8 00
Nanaimo to Duncan and return	3 00
	———— \$95 50

MILES TRAVELLED.

	MILES.
Nanaimo to Vancouver and return.....	70
Nanaimo to Wellington and return.....	10
Nanaimo to Wellington and return...	10
Nanaimo to Cedar and return.....	10

Nanaimo to Duncan and return	76
Nanaimo to Victoria and return	150
Nanaimo to Vancouver	35
Vancouver to Chilliwack	67
Chilliwack to Agassiz	50
Agassiz to New Westminster	75
New Westminster to Cloverdale	25
Cloverdale to Eburne	46
Eburne to Vancouver	6
Vancouver to Ladners	20
Ladners to Nanaimo	55
Nanaimo to Victoria and return	150
Nanaimo to Union and return	135
Nanaimo to Duncan and return	76
Nanaimo to Wellington and return	10

Total number of miles..... 1,076

Total number of days engaged in travelling on official
business..... 25

APPEALS.

On August 10th, 1897, I received, through the Grand Secretary, from Bro. Walter M. Ross, member of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, Donald, an appeal against the action of the Lodge in refusing to pay him benefits.

Bro. Ross had been sick and received benefits from March, 1896, to December, 1896, and had been under treatment at the Hospital at Winnipeg, and on December 3rd, 1896, received a certificate from Dr. McDonald (doctor of the Hospital) stating that he was well enough to follow his usual occupation. The Lodge then refused to pay him any further benefits. Bro. Ross still claims he was sick, claimed three months' benefits and furnished the Lodge with several doctors' certificates, but none of them would say he was entitled to benefits; so in that case I sustained the action of the Lodge in refusing to pay any further benefits.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

So far as received the reports of my District Deputies are submitted with this report. They speak hopefully of the brightening prospects for an advance in our membership. With their decisions I find myself in full accord.

In harmony with my predecessors I would urge that this Grand Lodge instruct its representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to continue their efforts to obtain consent to allowing suitable persons to join our order at the minimum age of eighteen years.

IN MEMORIAM.

During the term of my office several of our members have been called to "that bourne from whence no traveller returns." Included in the sad list is Past Grand Master R. Roberts, who for many years ranked as one of the highest and brightest amongst those who devoted their time and energies to the upbuilding of Odd Fellowship in this Jurisdiction. Our deceased Brother was Grand Master in 1877, and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1894-5.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation of the able, courteous and fraternal assistance which has been rendered me by our Grand Secretary, Bro. Frederick Davey. Our Order is to be congratulated in having such an efficient and reliable officer, in practically the most important office in the Jurisdiction. It is to be hoped that the Grand Lodge will continue to have the advantage of his services for many years to come. To my District Deputies I must also express my thanks for the prompt and fraternal manner in which they have performed the several duties pertaining to their office.

Concluding, allow me to thank the officers and members of the Grand Lodge for their uniform kindness and fraternal assistance extended to me in the administration of the high office to which you elected me at the last session.

I sincerely trust that the present session may prove to be pleasant and fraternal, and the legislation redound to the continued prosperity and advancement of our beloved Order.

W. H. MORTON,
GRAND MASTER.

 REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

VICTORIA, B.C., May 28, 1898.

To the Grand Master Grand Lodge B. C. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—I herewith submit report of District No. 1.

Assisted by D. G. M. Bro. Henderson and other officers of the Grand Lodge, installed officers on the following dates :

July 5th, 1897, Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

July 7th, 1897, Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

July 8th, 1897, Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

July 9th, 1897, Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

July 12th, 1897, Acme Lodge, No. 14.

January 3rd, 1898, Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

January 5th, 1898, Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

January 6th, 1898, Dominion Lodge, No. 4. (Bro. Henderson.)

January 7th, 1898, Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

January 10th, 1898, Acme Lodge, No. 14.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, submitted the following for my decision :

" At 20 minutes past 8 p.m., on 28th July, 1897, there being no quorum, the three Brothers present retired, the lights were put out and the Hall closed. At 9 p.m., the N. G. and several Brothers reopened the Hall, called the Lodge together, appointed a Secretary and proceeded with the usual business; an officer resigned his position, his successor was nominated and elected, moneys were voted and paid. Was this a legal meeting, and were the actions as described legal?" To this I replied as follows :

Yes; as the action was taken by your N.G. and it being your regular meeting night. I consider no harm could be done by holding the meeting; whereas some hardship might possibly be experienced if the moneys due had not been voted. I have no knowledge of any law that has been violated.

May 9th, 1898, granted permission to Acme Lodge, No. 14, to confer two Degrees on a Brother in one night, as he was leaving the city.

The attendance at Lodge meetings is poor, but otherwise the Lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition.

Respectfully submitted.

W. WALKER,

D. G. M., District No. 1, Victoria.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 4th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Grand Master of the G. L. of B. C.. I. O. O. F. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It is with much pleasure that I furnish you with a report of my official acts as D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 during the past year. These have been confined entirely to installing officers in the different Lodges of my District, which in all cases was done in the first month of the term and was made

pleasant by the willingness of the P. G. M.'s, G. R. to S. G. L., and all P. G.'s to assist me; and I now take this opportunity to thank them as well as all other Brethren for this and their kindness at all times.

After stating that, in a District with three Lodges, no question, however small, has been presented to me to decide, it will be unnecessary for me to say that peace and harmony prevail.

Although our increase in membership has not been as large as I would like, yet we have had several initiations in the different Lodges, and a considerable increase in the finances of each Lodge.

Trusting that the coming Session of the Grand Lodge, which is to meet in our city soon, will be both pleasant and profitable, and extending a hearty welcome to you and all visiting Brethren,

I remain,

Yours in F. L. & T.,

HERBERT GILLEY,

D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

WELLINGTON, B.C., May 26th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F., of B. C. :

I have the pleasure of submitting the following report of my official acts as your Deputy during the past year:

July 5th, 1897, installed the Officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.

July 7th, 1897, installed the Officers of Banner Lodge, No. 31.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 6.

July 26th, 1897, installed Past V. G. W. Hunter as N.G.; Bro. J. Wood resigned.

Installed Bro. Jas. McMullin as Treasurer.; P.G. Bro. Hugh Mitchell resigned.

BANNER LODGE, NO. 31.

July 28th, 1897, installed Bro. Jas. McNab as V.G.; Bro. Sam. Thomson resigned.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 6, Jan. 10th, 1898.

P.G. T. F. Haggart installed P.G. R. Bailey as Treasurer; Bro. Jas. McMullin resigned.

I am pleased to state that both Lodges are doing well considering the many changes during the year.

Yours Fraternally
RICHARD BAILEY.
D. D. G. M., District No. 4.

CHILLIWACK, B.C., May 30th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for this District :

I installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, at the commencement of each term, assisted by several Past Grands.

I take much pleasure in recording an addition of four members, also three received by card, during my term.

Financially, we are in a good position. d bright prospects for a number of new members at an early date.

Yours fraternally,
GEO. MARSHALL,
D. D. G. M., District No. 5.

VANCOUVER, MAY 28th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F., Nanaimo :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It affords me great pleasure to report to you a quiet and prosperous year among the Lodges in this District. My duties as D.D.G.M. have been very light. I have installed the officers of the various Lodges, and have had submitted to me by Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, the following question :

“Can a Lodge draw from the ‘General Fund’ money to pay the funeral expenses of a Brother over thirteen weeks in arrears (but not suspended), provided his relations are not in a position to bury him?”

Ans.—“Yes. (White’s Digest, 1895, Page 133. Section 356.)”

Fraternally submitted.
W. E. JOHNSTON,
D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

UNION, B.C., May 18th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—As your Deputy for District No. 8, I take pleasure in submitting a report of my official acts during my term of office.

July 9th, 1897, installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

November 26th, granted dispensation to confer three Degrees on Bro. Hawkins at one meeting. Bro. Hawkins was leaving Union on the following week for a visit to Nova Scotia, and he was anxious to receive the Degrees before he started.

January 7th, 1898, installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

I have not been called upon to decide any questions, and I am pleased to state harmony has existed in our Lodge during my term of office.

Union Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition. We are not quite as strong financially as we were a year ago, but the calls were unusually heavy on our funds. We are, however, adding to our membership, having initiated five new members since last June.

Your official visit to our Lodge was very much appreciated by those members who had the pleasure of meeting you.

In conclusion I would thank you for the honour conferred upon me by appointing me as your Deputy for District No. 8, hoping that you may approve my official actions, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES A. PRITCHARD,

D. D. G. M., District No. 8.

DONALD, B. C., May 15th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—As your District Deputy for District No. 9, I beg to submit the following as my report. On July 2nd, 1897, and January 6th, 1898, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, into their respective chairs.

I have much pleasure in reporting the Lodge in a flourishing condition.

Yours in F. L. & L.,

JOHN HARTE,

D. D. G. M., District No. 9.

NELSON, B. C., May 27th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—My report as D. D. G. M. of District No. 11 is very short. I installed the officers of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, at the proper time, at the beginning of the present term. My only official decision was given in connection with the election of our representative to Grand Lodge.

On the night of election, May 2nd, two ballots resulted in a tie between the two candidates. It was moved to defer the election to the next regular meeting, some brethren held that to be illegal, I ruled that it was legal, and our representative was elected on May 9th.

Our Lodge has had a prosperous term as the reports will show. We are very much in need of more commodious quarters, but that difficulty will be overcome before the summer is over, as we are erecting a three-storeyed brick building, 30 by 100 feet, the third storey to be used for lodge purposes. Building to cost \$15,000. I am,

Yours fraternally,

E. C. ARTHUR,
D. D. G. M., District No. 11.

DUNCANS, B. C., May 15th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I beg to submit the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 12.

On July 24th, 1897, I installed the officers of Duncan Lodge, No. 17.

January 8th, 1898, assisted by Grand Master, installed officers of Duncan Lodge, No. 17.

Our Lodge is in good financial standing, with a small increase in membership.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

JOHN C. McLAY,
D. D. G. M., District No. 12.

VERNON, B. C.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Since receiving the appointment making me your District Deputy to fill the vacancy caused through

Bro. S. T. Elliot having left the District, would say that no question or matter of any importance has been received from the Lodge for my decision.

I am pleased, however, to report that Vernon Valley Lodge No. 18 is progressing favorably and is financially in a very satisfactory condition.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. COOPER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 13.

LADNER, B. C., May 12th, 1898.

Mr. W. H. Morton;

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your communication of the 10th inst. to hand. I beg leave to state that I have granted no special dispensations this year. I am pleased to report good progress in our Lodge; we are getting several new members and I think they will make good members. Hope to see you in Westminster at the Grand Lodge this year.

I remain yours F. L. T.,

FRANK McCULLOUGH,

D. D. G. M.

NORTH BEND, B. C., May 21st, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have much pleasure in submitting my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 15.

On 17th July, 1897, installed the officers of Gold Range Lodge No. 22, North Bend. On Jan'y 8th, 1898, installed the officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, North Bend.

Nothing of any great importance or unusual was brought to my notice during my term of office.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P. WADE,

D. D. G. M.

AGASSIZ, B. C., May 14th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have much pleasure in submitting my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 18.

July 2nd, 1897, installed officers of Cheam No. 28.

Jan. 8th. 1898, installed officers of Cheam, No. 28.

No legal points were brought up for decision during the present year.

Fraternally yours,

B. VANCE,

D. D. G. M. District No. 18.

REVELSTOKE, B. C., May 30th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In regard to report would say after I was appointed I installed part of officers, that same week I was taken down with the fever. Past Grand Lee installed the rest. I also received key to pass word, which I have yet in my possession. I have looked over regalia and property of the Lodge and find everything in good order.

Yours in F. L. T.,

R. S. WILSON,

D. D. G. M.

GOLDEN, B. C., May 26th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F., Nanaimo, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I beg to report that on July 7th, 1897, and January 12th, 1898, the officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 34 were installed by me. During the past year there have been no disputes requiring my decision, everything progressing very smoothly. I am pleased to be able to state that Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 34 is doing well and is steadily improving its position.

Yours fraternally,

H. G. PARSON,

D. D. G. M. District No. 20.

ROSSLAND, B. C., May 9, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, Nanaimo, B. C.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to report the following during my term as D. D. G. M. District 21:

July 5, 1897, installed officers of Rossland Lodge No. 36.

January 3, 1898, installed officers (present term) Rossland Lodge No. 36.

Owing to resignation of our treasurer a new treasurer was installed March 21, 1898. Other than this no business was had at the direction of D. D. G. M.

Rossland Lodge has a very good membership and is progressing very nicely.

Thanking you,

I am yours fraternally,

J. KIRKUP,

D. D. G. M.

GREENWOOD, B. C., May 25th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F., Nanaimo, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have much pleasure in submitting my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 23 for the past year.

I installed the officers of Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, at the commencement of each term.

On May 21st, the Grand Warden visited the Lodge and delivered an excellent address.

I granted but one dispensation to confer the third degree at a special meeting.

Boundary Valley Lodge is steadily increasing in numbers as the annual report will show.

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. H. HALLETT.

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SLOCAN, B. C., May 12th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to report the following during my term as your District Deputy for District No. 25:

Jan. 6th, assisted by visiting brothers, I installed the officers of Slocan Lodge, No. 40, for the present term.

Yours fraternally,

BEN. ROBERTSON.

D. D. G. M. District No. 25.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 26th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master G. L., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I beg to submit the following report of District No. 1, Rebekah Lodges.

The officers of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, were duly installed into their respective offices by me on July 13th, 1897, assisted by P. G. Sister Walker, and the usual Grand Officers. On January 11th, 1898, the present officers were duly installed into their respective offices. No other special business has been transacted during the year, except a decision given on a matter submitted by the Lodge, respecting a sister being entitled to the honors of Noble Grand, the Lodge rejected my decision and appealed to the Grand Master who sustained my decision, the matter was then settled satisfactorily.

I am sorry to state that our members have been decreasing instead of increasing of late. Some have been absent through sickness and others from distance, but we who remain and attend must put forth a little more effort to increase our membership. We have a good set of officers, but we must not require them to do all the work, each and every member should take a direct interest in the building up of the Lodge, and in making its meetings useful, pleasant and profitable, engendering a feeling of pride in that we have done our share, in making the Lodge as pleasant and prosperous as possible.

Yours fraternally,

SISTER RIDDEL,

D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

WELLINGTON, May 26th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In submitting a report of my official acts as your District Deputy for District No. 6. I have much pleasure in stating that Laurel Rebekah, No. 9, is progressing very favorably; we have an initiation nearly every meeting night. On July 8th I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the term ending December 31st, 1897. I remain,

Fraternally yours in F. L. & T.,

JENNIE MORGAN,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

LADNER, B. C., May 28th, 1898.

W. H. Morton, Grand Master I. O. O. F. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following report of my official acts, as your District Deputy for District, No. 7, for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

I installed the officers of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 10, August 21st, 1897, and on January 15th, 1898.

I am sorry to have to state that Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, has not prospered as well as I would liked to have seen it. Some of the Sisters have gone away and a majority of the Brothers have become careless and dropped out by non-payment of dues; but prospects look brighter now and I am in hopes of getting in some new members shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F. L. T.,

KATIE SKINNER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 7.

The Grand Secretary read his report which was on motion received and handed to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

VICTORIA, B. C., 7th June, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F. :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a report of the transactions of this office during the year that has elapsed, together with abstracts of the reports received from the Subordinate

Lodges showing the condition and work of the Order in this jurisdiction for the year ended 31st December, 1897.

The duties imposed by the last Session have been duly performed. A circular was sent to each Subordinate Lodge directing attention to the report of the Special Committee on Statistics re Dues and Benefits last Session, and recommending a careful scrutiny of their financial condition in connection with the facts contained in the report.

The revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge adopted last Session was submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and approved with the following exceptions: The concluding words "or his deputy" in Sec. 6, Art. II., and the concluding clause of Sec. 4, Art. III., commencing, "Provided also," were reported by the Committee on Constitutions as "not seeming to be in usual or proper form." In the first case the section might be amended at this Session by striking out the words "or his Deputy" and inserting in lieu "or the Deputy Grand Master."

The other clause to which exception is taken provides for the installation of any Grand Lodge officer at any time after his election instead of compelling him to wait until the end of the Session. This clause has, I believe, been in the Constitution since the institution of the Grand Lodge, has been repeatedly approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and as it does not violate any general law of the Order, as far as I am aware, might be re-enacted at this Session.

NEW LODGES.

"Slocan" Lodge, No. 40, was instituted at Slocan City on 3rd July last by Bro. Ben. Robertson, Special Deputy G. M., under a charter granted last session. The instituting officer speaks very encouragingly of the material composing this Lodge and of its future prospects.

Correspondence has taken place respecting the institution of Lodges at Barkerville, Wardner, Trail and Trout Lake City, and it may be inferred that Lodges will be organized at these places at no distant time.

REBEKAH LODGES.

An application for a Charter and the requisite fee has been received for a Rebekah Lodge at Carson, but no dispensation has yet been issued in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining the services of a qualified P. G. or P. N. G. to act as Instituting Officer. The application will be submitted to this Session for appropriate action.

I regret to state that it has been necessary to recover the Charter and effects of "Ruth" Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, at Chilliwack, it having become defunct.

Bethel Lodge, No. 7, and Esther Lodge, No. 11, have failed to report for the year 1897 although written to repeatedly. The old law provided that failure to report within one month after the end of the year entailed the forfeiture of the Lodge's Charter, but the present law leaves the matter to local legislation; it is submitted that legislation to deal with this matter be enacted at this Session.

Sixteen revised Rebekah Rituals have been received from the Sovereign Grand Lodge free of cost, to replace a similar number supplied of the 1896 Edition, which were found to be defective, and these have been distributed to the Lodges entitled to them.

STATISTICAL.

The reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the year 1897 show a slight decrease in the number of members and of revenue when compared with the preceding year, but to counterbalance that it is gratifying to note that there has also been a reduction in the number of members who were sick and in the amount paid for benefits and for current expenses, whilst the assets show a substantial increase.

The following statement of the work of the Lodges during the year ended 31st December, 1897, is compiled from the Reports to that date and a comparison is made between the results and those of the preceding year:

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1897	38	1	
" Rebekah Lodges, 31st Dec. '97	9	..	1
" " " surrendered its Charter since...	1		
" Members Subordinate Lodges.	2801	..	28
" of Members initiated during the year.....	220	42	..
" of Members admitted by Card.	42	16	..
" " admitted as A. O..	5	1	..
" " reinstated.....	27	15	..
" " withdrawn.....	22	..	8
" " expelled.....	..	..	7
" " deceased.....	23	..	3
" " resigned.....	8	5	..
" " ceased membership by non-payment of Dues.	218	..	97
" rejected.....	8	1	..

" Degrees conferred.....	467	..	51
" Past Grands.....	464	43	
Total Revenue Subordinate Lodges	\$46,787 37	..	\$2,468 51
No. of Brothers relieved.....	327	..	26
" " buried.....	20	..	2
" widowed families relieved..	8	..	4
" weeks sick benefits paid ...	2336	..	265
Amount paid for relief of Brothers	\$17,450 90	..	\$3,291 57
" " " widowed families	282 25	....	430 20
Amount paid for relief of Orphans	149 50	20 00	....
" " burying the dead	1842 35	72 14	....
" " education of Orphans.....			55 00
Amount paid for special relief	781 40	....	561 32
Total amount paid for relief	20,506 40	....	4,390 23
" " current expenses	14,903 95	....	640 25
" of assets.....	195,961 46	11,728 37	....
Average amount of benefits paid to each sick member.....	51 78	....	5 36
Average amount expended for relief per member	7 32	....	1 48
Average duration of sickness per member	5 dys 20 hrs.	....	14 hrs.
Average duration of sickness per sick member.....	6 wks 6½ dys.	....	1½ dys.
Average cost per member for current expenses.....	\$5 32	....	\$0 18
Average cost per member for all Lodge expenditure....	12 64	....	1 66
Average amount of assets per member	69 96	4 84	....
Total amount expended for relief since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874.	203,836 96	....	....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. **CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.**

	FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Tax term ended 30th June 1897.	Tax term ended 31st Dec. 1897.	Supplies.	Charter Fees.	TOTAL.
51	Victoria.....Lodge, No. 1	\$56 25	\$53 55	\$8 00		\$117 80
2,468 51	Columbia....."	2 72 45	67 50	13 50		153 45
26	New Westminster. "	3 42 25	45 90	8 00		96 15
2	Dominion	4 45 00	39 60	14 00		98 60
4	Black Diamond.....	5 54 45	51 75			106 20
205	Harmony....."	6 56 75	60 75	3 00		120 50
2,291 57	Excelsior....."	7 12 60	10 35			22 95
430 20	Vancouver	8 44 65	51 30	50		96 45
.....	Tatnai....."	9 25 25	27 90	1 50		54 65
.....	Western Star....."	10 80 10	80 55	2 00		162 65
55 00	Union	11 26 55	26 55	1 50		54 60
561 32	Selkirk....."	12 32 40	34 65	10 50		77 55
3,300 23	Royal City	13 32 40	31 95			64 35
640 25	Acme....."	14 33 75	28 35	1 25		63 35
.....	Cloverdale....."	15 16 20	15 75	8 00		39 95
.....	Kootenay....."	16 21 15	19 35	4 85		45 35
.....	Duncan....."	17 15 35	19 35			34 70
5 36	Vernon Valley....."	18 5 55	14 40	3 00		22 95
.....	Mt. Pleasant....."	19 16 95	14 40	75		32 10
1 48	Centennial....."	20 46 35	46 80			93 15
.....	Delta....."	21 13 50	15 00	2 00		30 50
14 hrs.	Gold Range	22 12 65	16 20	1 00		29 85
1 1/2 dys.	Ashcroft....."	23 7 35	13 05	1 75		22 15
\$0 18	Island....."	24 10 50	13 95			24 45
1 66	Revelstoke....."	25 12 85	19 35	1 50		33 70
.....	Pacific....."	26 104 40	105 75	1 75		211 90
.....	Amity....."	27 73 80	66 60	8 00		148 40
.....	Cheam....."	28 19 35	19 80	2 20		41 35
.....	Friendship....."	30 20 70	20 70	8 00		49 40
.....	Banner....."	31 35 55	34 20	10 00		79 75
.....	Peerless....."	33 60 75	55 80	11 00		127 55
.....	Rocky Mountain...."	34 13 80	22 05			35 85
.....	Cedar....."	35 22 50	22 05	2 50		47 05
.....	Rossland....."	36 24 30	28 35	18 50		71 15
.....	Carson....."	37 8 75	11 25			20 00
.....	Boundary Valley.."	38 10 80	13 95	11 50		36 25
.....	Silver City....."	39 26 55	29 70	8 25		64 50
.....	Slocan....."	40	11 70	34 00	30 00	75 70
.....	Colfax Rebekah	1		9 75		9 75
.....	Mizpah	2		3 50		3 50
.....	Beulah	5		6 50		6 60
.....	Laurel....."	9			50 00	50 00
.....	(Donation to Home Fund.)					
.....	Fidelity	10		1 00		1 00
.....	Esther	11		3 00		3 00
.....	Carson			16 00	10 00	26 00
.....	Grand Lodge Cards.....			1 50		1 50
.....	Sundry Persons.....			1 00		1 00
.....	Members of Defunct Lodge's					
.....	Dues, etc.....				40 50	40 50
		\$1214 50	\$1260 15	\$244 55	\$130 50	\$2849 70

ORDERS DRAWN ON GRAND TREASURER.

Date.	No. of Order	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount.
1897.				
June 11	1	Grand Treasurer.	Mileage & Per Diem '97	\$1050 45
" 11	2	W. H. Huxtable.....	Janr G.S. Office, 12 m.	20 00
" 11	3	H. B. Gilmour, G. M...	Extra exp. Travlg, etc	24 50
" 11	4	" "	Typewriting Report	8 00
" 11	5	B. C. Odd Fellow.....	Acct. Persev'e No. 20.	3 00
" 11	6	Carson Lodge, No. 37 ..	Refund of Per C. Tax.	18 00
" 11	7	E. C. Davison	Jan'r Light of Hall, '97	7 50
" 26	8	R. S. Day	Bond of G. Sec.....	10 00
July 10	9	B. C. Odd Fellow.....	G. Lodge Card, 12 mos	10 00
" 10	10	H. Waller, G. Treas ...	Expenses, Drafts, &c..	6 65
" 13	11	R. S. Day	Bond of G. Treas.....	10 00
Sept. 11	12	F. Davey, G. Sec.	Three Month's Salary.	150 00
" 11	13	" "	Postage & Sundries	20 95
Nov. 2	14	T. R. Cusack	Ptg Procdgs & Contns	215 87
Dec. 4	15	R. H. Dyas.....	Donation.	20 00
" 10	16	F. Davey, G. Sec.	Three Month's Salary.	150 00
" 10	17	" "	Postage & Sundries...	11 50
" 18	18	" "	Sov. G. L. for Supplies	65 25
" 18	19	Greenwood, Smith & R.	Printing Forms, &c...	16 00
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Feb. 17	20	T. R. Cusack	" "	18 50
Mar. 12	21	F. Davey, G. Sec.	Three Month's Salary.	150 00
" 12	22	" "	Postage & Sundries...	19 25
Apl 8	23	W. H. Morton, G. M. ...	Travelling Allowance.	50 00
" 8	24	Sovereign Grand Lodge	Representative Tax...	150 00
" 8	25	Odd Fellows' Union	Rent G. S. Office, 12m	100 00
May 4	26	F. Davey, G. Sec.	Sov. G. L. for Supplies	23 62
" 10	27	" "	Dep in B for Home Fd	141 00
" 10	28	" "	" "	50 00
" 26	29	" "	Three Month's Salary.	150 00
" 26	30	" "	Postage, Freight, &c..	13 45
" 26	31	W. H. Morton, G. M. ...	Bal. of Trav. Expenses	50 00
" 26	32	T. R. Cusack	Printing	14 00
" 26	33	Colonist Ptg & Pub. Co	Order Bks on Treas...	15 50
" 26	34	W. H. Morton, G. M. ...	Postage & Sundries.	10 90
" 26	35	Hibben & Co.....	Stationery	3 00
				\$2776 89

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report..	\$1,900 66
Cash received as per statement.....	2,849 70
	\$4,849 36
Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer as per statement.....	2,776 89
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$2,072 47

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Amount.		Dr.	Cr.
#1050 45	Balance from last year	\$183 15	
20 00	Goods bought during the year	211 00	
24 50	Allowed Lodges for return of old Rituals	60 00	
8 00	Freight on supplies from Sovereign Grand Lodge	12 00	
3 00	Gain during the year	124 46	
18 00	Goods sold during the year		\$290 05
7 50	Allowed by Sov. G. Lge for old Rituals destroyed		94 00
10 00	Value of stock on hand		206 56
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ODD FELLOWS' HOME ACCOUNT.

April 25, '95—Collected at Anniv. Celebration, Victoria	\$ 96 00
June 30, '95—Interest, Dom. Govt Savings Bank	1 96
June 30, '96— " " "	3 39
Feb. 16, '97—Donation, Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, I.O.O.F. ...	5 50
June 30, '97—Interest, Dom. Govt Savings Bank	3 58
April 1, '98—Contribution G. Lodge of B. C., 5c. per capita.	140 55
May 10, '98—Donation, Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9	50 00
	\$300 98
Deposited in Dom. Govt Savings Bank	300 98
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	\$ 00 05

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BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—JUNE, 1898.

Folio of Ledgr	ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
44	Furniture and Regalia	\$496 55	
85	Union Lodge, No. 11.		\$ 45
92	Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2.		4 00
94	Miriam " " 3.		4 00
103	Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.	40	
111	Mt. Pleasant " " 19.		4 75
113	Centennial " " 20.		2 25
115	Delta " " 21.		15
128	Stock	206 56	
136	Island Lodge, No. 24.		10
143	Sovereign Grand Lodge	2 05	
152	Grand Treasurer.	2072 47	
162	Profit and Loss		2705 70
168	Pacific Lodge, No. 26		3 00
185	Peerless " " 33.		40
188	Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34.	1 50	
190	Cedar Lodge, No. 35		1 60
194	Odd Fellows' Home		300 98
196	Dom. Govt. Savings Bank..	300 93	
200	Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9	1 00	
204	Rossland Lodge, No. 36		4 00
214	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	20	
220	Silver City " " 39.	75	
224	Victoria " " 1.	1 00	
232	Slocan " " 40.	15	
234	Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.		26 88
238	Carson Rebekah Lodge.		26 00
		\$3084 26	\$3084 26

AGED ODD FELLOWS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Dues rec. from mbr's of Perseverance Lge, No. 29, defunct..	\$ 1 00
" " " Mission City Lodge, No. 32.....	34 50
" Sale of Effects of " " "	11 38
	\$46 88

EXPENDITURE.

Dec. 4th, 1897—Donation to Bro. R. H. Dyas, late member of Mission City Lodge, No. 32	20 00
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.	\$26 88

ODD FELLOWS' HOME FUND.

This fund is slowly growing and now amounts to \$300.98 deposited in the Dominion Government Savings Bank. The contribution of five cents per member made at the last Session realized \$110.55, and this has been supplemented by a liberal donation of \$50 by Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, the result of an Anniversary Social, which is commended to the other Lodges for imitation.

It is respectfully submitted that a similar grant of five cents per member for the ensuing year be sanctioned at this Session.

The money in the bank is deposited in the name of the undersigned in trust for this Grand Lodge, but as this fund is likely to assume considerable proportions, it is suggested that it would be advisable to appoint Trustees or that it be invested in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge to be withdrawn only by authority of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for the time being.

AGED ODD FELLOWS' FUND.

As will be seen by the foregoing statement, there is now \$26.88 to the credit of this fund; the sum of \$9 was received during the year for the sale of some of the effects of the late Mission City Lodge, No. 32. A donation of \$20 was granted to a former member of Mission City Lodge, No. 32, who is now sick, on the recommendation of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9. It is submitted for instructions whether the balance of this fund shall be deposited in some bank at interest, and if so in what manner it shall be invested.

MEMORIAL PAGE.

Since we last met a familiar figure has been removed from our ranks by the death of Bro. R. Roberts, P. G. M. & P. G. R. Bro. Roberts was connected with the Grand Lodge since its institution and for many years took an active and intelligent interest in the work of the Order. It is recommended that a memorial page be inserted in the printed proceedings of this Session containing the names of Bro. Roberts and such other members of the Grand Lodge as have died during the year.

CONCLUSION.

The past year has been characterized by peace and harmony in this jurisdiction, as is evidenced by the absence of appeals. The Lodges appear to have devoted their time to the practice of the cardinal objects of the Order, in the relief of distress, burying the dead, and in the support of the widows and orphans who are the wards of the Order.

As far as known no extraordinary business will be presented for

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the consideration of this meeting, still I hope that the work we may perform will redound to the good of the Order and that the members in attendance will go back to their homes encouraged and determined to put forth further efforts for its advancement and establishment.

Fraternally submitted,
FRED. DAVEY,
 GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Report which was read and on motion ordered to be received and handed to the Committee on Finance.

VICTORIA, B. C.,
 June 3rd, 1898.

**S. W. EDWARDS, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
 THE GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.**

1897.	DR.	
June 11. To Cash received from late Grand		
Treasurer	\$1,999 66	
To Cash received from Grand Secretary	2,849 70	
	\$4,849 36	
	CR.	
By Orders Nos. 1 to 35 paid herewith	\$2,776 80	
Balance		\$2,072 47

Fraternally submitted,
S. W. EDWARDS,
 GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Distribution:—E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5; W. H. Gardiner, No. 27; J. Neelands, No. 16.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following Report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Master, beg to recommend the following distribution of the Report.

To the Committee on the State of the Order:

The first part of page 1, part of page 4 re official visits, and that portion of page 5 referring to the Reports of the District Deputies, also the reports of the D. D. G. M. as far as refers to the state of the Order in their respective Districts.

To the Committee on Judiciary:

Part of page 2, re dispensations granted; pages 3 and 4, re decisions given and proclamations issued; also part of page 5, re appeals.

To the Committee on Finance:

Part of pages 4 and 5, re expenses incurred.

E. QUENNELL,
W. H. GARDINER,
JAS. NEELANDS.

The Grand Secretary presented amendments submitted to the By-Laws of "Excelsior" Lodge, No. 7, which were on motion ordered to be received and referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

The Committee on Distribution submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary, beg to recommend the following disposition of the same.

To the Committee on Legislation:

Part of pages 1 and 2 respecting amendments to Grand Lodge Constitution and Rebekah Lodge Constitution.

To the Committee on State of the Order:

Part of page 2, re Institution of Lodges and surrender of Charter of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4. Pages 3, 4, 5, containing Statistics and the Abstracts of the Reports of Subordinate Lodges at the end of the Report.

To the Committee on Petitions:

The matter of granting a charter for a Rebekah Lodge at Carson, page 2.

To the Committee on Printing:

Part of Page 12, re Memorial page.

To the Committee on Finance:

The remainder of the Report.

E. QUENNELL,
W. H. GARDINER,
JAS. NEELANDS.

T. F. Neelands, Grand Representative, read the Report of the Grand Representatives which was ordered to be received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Representatives to the Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. held in the City of Springfield, Ill., commencing Sept. 20th and ending at noon on Sept. 26th, 1897, beg to submit the following report:

The attendance at the Session was large, there being present nine Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Sires, and one hundred and eighty-six Grand Representatives. Every Grand Jurisdiction subordinate to the Sovereign Lodge was represented except the Grand Encampment of Arizona.

The City was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting; the Brethren and the citizens had spared neither expense nor labor in their desire that the Representatives should enjoy their visit to Springfield. In this they were entirely successful, as we have every reason to believe that each representative carried away pleasant recollections of his stay in that city.

Before the Session was formally opened a public reception was held in the State Capitol Building, at which addresses of welcome were given by the Governor of the State, Jno. R. Tanner, P. G., the Mayor of the city, the Grand Master of the State of Illinois, the Grand Patriarch of the State of Illinois, and Mrs. Mary D. Stone, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois, which were responded to by the Grand Sire, after which the Sovereign Grand Lodge was formally opened.

Your Representatives were appointed on the following Committees: Finance, Welsh; Grand Bodies not Represented, Neelands.

Extract from the Grand Sire's Report:

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The condition of the various branches of the Order are fairly good, although, owing to the depressed condition of business in the United States, coupled with the excitement always attendant on a presidential election in this country, I am unable to report any large increase during the year 1896; but we are not going backward. The membership of the Subordinate Lodges show an increase, while the Rebekah branch has made very large proportional gains.

In the Encampment branch, I regret to say that the figures show a slight decrease, while the Patriarchs Militant have gained in membership, showing that the legislation of past years, which invested them with more authority to govern themselves, has been wise and beneficial to this branch.

If some way could be devised by which suspensions for non-payment of dues could be avoided, or greatly lessened, it would be the greatest achievement of our legislation for years. I commend the subject to your most earnest and careful consideration.

From the Grand Secretary's report :

By an examination of the table accompanying this report, which gives the increase and decrease in membership during the year, it will be seen that the loss in the Encampment branch has been unusually heavy, while the gain in Subordinate Lodge membership has been the smallest since 1885, when it was 1,080. The prevailing depression in business affairs, which, judging from the reports of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, seems to be felt in all sections of the country, must account to a great degree for this tardy growth; but another, and doubtless a more prominent stumbling-block in the way of progress, is the strongly-marked lack of personal interest among the membership in the work of the Lodges and Encampments. A renewal of that interest which prompted the Brother to unite with the Order is necessary. The faithful few who attend the meetings regularly, and who do the work in Lodge or Encampment, need the help and encouragement to be found in the presence of a goodly company.

But while these have languished, the prosperous Rebekah branch, with her small fees and light dues, has vigorously grown. A proof of this fact is seen in her increase of 444 Lodges and 27,908 members for the year.

If our membership has not kept pace with the rate of increase during the past twelve years, discouragement need not follow. It is in lessons of experience that we are taught the performance of duty. Let there be a renewal of interest among the membership to aid and

encourage the zealous and faithful few who have kept the fires burning on the altars of our beloved Order in its darker days, and when the sun of prosperity shines once more upon the lands where our standards have been planted, a vigorous renewal of growth in Odd Fellowship will ensue.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1890,
INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND
SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,137,502
Members relieved.....	2,076,004
Widowed families relieved.....	227,940
Members deceased.....	202,228
Total relief.....	\$74,350,008 70
Total receipts.....	103,247,022 80

COMPOSITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1890.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden).....	5
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	55
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	66
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,071
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,300
Encampment Members.....	131,808
Lodge Members.....	831,718
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,573
Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	164,070
Brothers, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	116,812

COMPARISON OF THE RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1805 AND 1806.

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	Dec. 31st, 1805.	Dec. 31st, 1806.	Increase.	Decrease
Grand Lodges	50	50		
Grand Encampments ..	50	51	1	
Subordinate Lodges ..	10,875	11,145	270	
Subordinate Encamp. .	2,028	2,052	24	
Rebekah Lodges . . .	4,111	4,507	456	
Lodge initiations. . .	63,210	60,150		3,060
Encampment initiations.	10,832	9,633		1,247
Rebekah initiations—				
Brothers	22,540	22,927	281	
Sisters	33,121	37,101	4,040	
Lodge members. . . .	790,985	800,055	6,070	
Encampment members.	132,004	130,732		1,902
Rebekah members	253,043	281,041	28,998	
Relief by Lodges. . . .	\$3,007,081 33	\$3,007,905 81	\$90,884 48	
Relief by Encampments	278,980 08	274,209 00		\$4,070 00
Relief by Rebekah Lod.	47,701 73	51,050 83	3,298 10	
Total relief.	3,333,823 14	3,383,235 63	59,412 49	
Revenue of Sub Lodges	7,587,850 30	7,570,025 08		17,824 41
Revenue of Encampments	622,357 83	602,418 54		19,639 29
Revenue Rebekah Lod.	380,795 90	410,580 21	35,793 22	
Total revenue	8,591,004 21	8,580,033 73		1,970 48
Invested funds, Sub Lod	24,347,520 84	24,824,387 17	476,857 33	
Invested funds, Sub En.	1,455,354 88	1,520,131 50	73,776 71	
Invested funds, Reb Lod	455,141 94	490,430 00	41,288 72	
Total invested funds . .	26,258,026 66	26,844,949 42	591,922 76	
Expenses Sub Lodges. .	3,430,806 23	3,427,195 22		12,611 01
Expenses Sub Encamp.	208,204 04	250,296 77		41,977 27
Expenses Rebekah Lod.	300,605 24	338,400 02	37,713 78	
Total expenses	4,038,705 51	4,021,891 01		16,874 50
Brothers relieved	86,258	83,724		2,534
Patriarchs relieved. . .	12,034	10,073		1,961
Weeks' ben paid by S L	504,355	581,534	27,179	
Weeks' ben paid by En.	89,639	89,282		357
Wid fam relieved by S L	5,300	6,206	816	
Wid fam relieved by En	178	200	31	
Brothers buried	8,592	8,498		94
Patriarchs buried. . . .	1,485	1,395		90

During the year the Grand Sire rendered 115 decisions, all of which were approved except as otherwise shown.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

1. *Ques.*—Can one Lodge sue another in the civil courts without violating the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Ans.—They may do so unless inhibited by their Grand Lodge Constitution, there being nothing in the General Laws of the Order forbidding it.

2. *Ques.*—Can a Brother who owes a Lodge a note for Third Degree claim benefits?

Ans.—A Brother owing a Lodge a note for Third Degree is entitled to benefits, he being otherwise entitled to receive them.

3. *Statement.*—The by-laws of a Lodge provide for the payment to its Treasurer the sum of fifty cents per month for his services as Treasurer, and also requires the payment by its members the sum of fifty cents per month for dues. The Treasurer was taken sick, owing the Lodge \$2 for four months' dues, and the Lodge owed him \$2 for four months' service as Treasurer.

Ques.—Was he in good standing in his Lodge and entitled to benefits?

Ans.—Yes. (Not approved.)

4. *Ques.*—Is it permissible to admit members during conferring any of the degrees, or may members be admitted during or introducing first and second parts while the candidate is taken out into the ante-room?

Ans.—No.

5. *Ques.*—Where a Brother has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and before one year from date of his suspension applies for reinstatement and pays one year's dues, is it his right to be reinstated, or has the Lodge the right to ballot on such application and refuse to readmit him?

Ans.—Yes; upon application and payment of one year's dues, a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for less than twelve months must be reinstated by his Lodge without ballot, in absence of local law to the contrary.

6. *Ques.*—Can a Grand Master issue dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge empowering it to confer degrees the same night the candidate is initiated?

Ans.—Yes, he can, unless the laws of the Grand Jurisdiction otherwise provide.

7. *Ques.*—Do sections 1829 and 1830, White's Digest, edition of 1895, prohibit the printing, by a Subordinate Lodge, of the Funeral Ceremony, not for sale, but for its own convenience?

Ans.—Yes.

8. *Statement*.—A Brother who has been suspended for more than five years for non-payment of dues, and is now about sixty years of age, wants to be reinstated in his Lodge as a non-beneficial member.

Ques.—What will the Brother have to pay the Lodge, and would the Brother then be exempt from dues, and would the Lodge have to pay per capita tax on the Brother?

Ans.—In order for any Brother to be reinstated who has been suspended for more than five years, he must pay the amount of one year's dues, unless otherwise provided by local law, although he may take a Dismissal Certificate for one dollar; in his application for reinstatement, he must further show, if the application is for non-beneficial membership, that he has been a member of the Order for five years. In the absence of local law, otherwise providing, he must pay dues and the Lodge must pay per capita tax on him.

9. *Ques.*—Is it necessary, when two Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consolidate under the charter, name and number of one of them, the other surrendering its charter to the District Deputy Grand Sire, and its papers, books, etc., to the one retaining its charter, name and number, to apply for and procure a new charter?

Ans.—No.

10. *Ques.*—Which officer, the Recording Secretary or the Permanent Secretary, is the proper one to sign the certificate for dues prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session?

Ans.—The Permanent Secretary.

11. *Ques.*—Must a Brother pay dues in advance, the same as on a Visiting Card in order to visit on a receipt?

Ans.—Yes.

12. *Ques.*—Can a Brother deposit the receipt in another Lodge for admission, the same as a Visiting Card?

Ans.—Yes.

13. *Ques.*—Must the A. T. P. W. be given to all Brothers on paying up their dues?

Ans.—No, if they only pay their dues to date.

14. *Ques.*—A member of a Lodge on February 1st, 1897, owes \$3 dues; he goes to his Lodge and pays \$1 of said dues and demands a Visiting Certificate; is the Lodge compelled to issue said Visiting Certificate and give him the A. T. P. W.?

Ans.—The Lodge is compelled to issue the Visiting Certificate, but it is not allowed to give the A. T. P. W. There is no such thing known to the law as a "Visiting Certificate." It is a Certificate showing the payment of dues on which certificate, coupled with the A. T. P. W., entitles the holder to visit Lodges outside his jurisdiction.

15. *Ques.*—When a Brother pays his dues, is the Secretary of the Lodge compelled to give him a certificate under the law of 1896, or may the Secretary use another form of receipt when the Brother does not desire the A. T. P. W.?

Ans.—When a Brother pays his dues, the Secretary is not allowed to give him a receipt for same except on the form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the Brother does not desire the A. T. P. W.

16. *Ques.*—When a Brother pays his dues and does not desire a receipt, is the Secretary compelled to issue to him a certificate under the law of 1896?

Ans.—No.

17. *Ques.*—If a Brother fails to pay his dues on the last meeting night of the Lodge in the term, and comes forward and pays at the commencement of the succeeding term, is he non-beneficial?

Ans.—While the term of a Subordinate Lodge must begin at certain stated periods, viz., first meetings in January and July or April and October, yet such commencement of a term has no necessary reference to when and how dues shall be paid, and a Brother is beneficial just so long as he does not owe his Lodge one-fourth of the annual amount fixed by its by-laws for dues and legal assessments.

18. *Ques.*—If a Brother is reported sick with a chronic disease (rheumatism), and the Lodge pays forty weeks' benefits at two dollars per week; the Brother is then a little better, and is reported from the sick list; in a short time is reported sick again from same disease, and continues sick for a long time; must the Lodge pay him two dollars per week for fifty-two weeks from the date of the last report, or can they pay the balance of twelve weeks, which would have been the Brother's due if he had not been reported recovered from first sickness, and then one dollar per week thereafter? Would you call this last sickness a new one or a continuation of the old, where the disease is the same?

Ans.—It is two separate cases of sickness, and the Lodge must pay him two dollars per week from date of last sickness. (Not approved.)

19. *Ques.*—A Grand Master suspends a Lodge; the Grand Lodge held that it was illegally suspended; that the Grand Master had no authority under the law to suspend it. What per capita tax should the Lodge pay?

Ans.—When a Lodge has been suspended, and it has afterward been decided by proper authority that its suspension was illegal, and it has been reinstated, such Lodge should not be required to pay per capita tax for the period it was under suspension.

20. *Ques.*—Can Lodges provide by by-law for the admission of non-beneficial Odd Fellows, when no action has been taken by the State Grand Lodge?

Ans.—A Lodge can not provide by by-law for admission of non-beneficial Odd Fellows, unless the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has by some legislative action authorized Lodges so to do.

21. *Ques.*—In an initiation, should the acting P. G. (in closing his charge) greet and welcome the Brother by giving him the initiatory grip?

Ans.—No.

22. *Ques.*—Have Grand Masters the power under the law to grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges upon request of said Lodges to permit them to admit applicants into Lodges for a less fee than what their by-laws call for, for a limited time?

Ans.—No, they cannot grant such dispensations; they must change their by-laws and have them properly approved if they wish to change the fee charged for initiation.

23. *Ques.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate any of its funds to pay the premium on a surety bond issued by a guarantee or indemnity company to bond its Treasurer or Trustees?

Ans.—Yes; if a Subordinate Lodge should require its Treasurer to give a bond with a guarantee or indemnity company as surety, such Lodge should pay the premium therefor; but the Lodge not making such requirement, if the Treasurer should, in place of giving the ordinary bond, with personal security, for his own convenience choose to give as surety such a company, then and in that event he should pay the premium himself, and the Lodge should not pay it.

24. *Ques.*—Does a Subordinate Lodge have the right to adopt or make a by-law confining sick benefits to Degree Members only, as provided in Digest, page 51, section 16?

Ans.—Yes, unless otherwise provided by local law.

25. *Ques.*—Does the last clause of section 1, of Article VIII, of the Constitution of New Hampshire, which reads as follows, "*shall be entitled to receive from the funds of his Lodge such sum as the By-Laws may determine,*" leave it to the Subordinate Lodge By-Laws to determine who are beneficial members?

Ans.—Yes.

26. *Ques.*—In view of the laws set forth in Sections 726 and 727 of the new Digest of 1895, if a Lodge fixed its initiation fee so that it is less than the sum fixed for one year's dues, can such Lodge lawfully reinstate a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, within one year, for a sum equal to the initiation fee?

Ans.—Such Lodge can not lawfully reinstate a member so dropped for less than the amount of one year's dues, such being the law as set forth in Section 726, Digest of 1895, which law is plain and unambiguous, although, in view of the possible facts, he might have to pay more than a member who has been suspended for more than a year.

27. *Ques.*—Under the same laws (Sections 726 and 727), can such Lodge lawfully charge the amount of one year's dues for reinstatement of a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues for more than one year?

Ans.—A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than one year can not be lawfully charged for reinstatement more than the amount charged an initiate of the same age, although the Lodge may charge less if its local law so provides.

28. *Ques.*—A Brother who was a member of a Lodge and a barkeeper when the amendment to Section 5, Article XVI, Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, went into effect, takes a Withdrawal Card therefrom, continues in the occupation of a barkeeper, and within a year from the issuance of said Card deposits it with another Lodge and applies for membership therein. Can such Lodge admit him?

Ans.—Yes, the Lodge can admit the Brother to membership in the Lodge, he being already a member of the Order.

29. *Ques.*—Can a Grand Body compel its Subordinates to purchase a given number of Rituals?

Ans.—It can not. This answer was not approved and the following answer substituted—That Grand Bodies may compel their Subordinates to purchase a given number of Rituals not exceeding the number allowed by the laws of this Grand Body.

30. *Statement.*—A Brother is paid up in full until December 31, 1895. He pays nothing more, but on June 8, 1896, is by the probate judge of the county in which he resides adjudged insane. The verdict of the jury and the decision of the probate judge is that he is insane and has been for six months prior thereto. Then he was on that date ordered committed to the State Insane Asylum at Topeka, Kansas, and was so committed, and has been at all times since and is now confined there. The Brother having no property, it was ordered by the court that the expense of the proceedings be at the cost of the county and the keeping at the cost of the State. The Brother is the only support of his family.

Ques.—Is the Subordinate Lodge to which he is attached, and in which he was in good standing on December 31st, 1895, and until 13 weeks thereafter, debtor to him or his family for sick benefits?

Ans.—The Brother's family is entitled to the benefit provided by the By-Laws of the Lodge to which he belongs, he being in good standing at the time he became insane. See Sections 42, 43 and 47, White's Digest, edition 1895.

31. *Ques.*—Has a Lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railroad fare and carriage hire of its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the Lodge room?

Ans.—No.

32. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge be organized in a good building on the ground floor?

Ans.—Yes; yet all Lodges are admonished to see to it that they surround themselves against intrusion by outsiders; that is to say, no person or persons should be permitted to gain a knowledge of what is going on in the Lodge room by approaching it too closely.

33. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Subordinate Lodge to purchase an American flag?

Ans.—It is. See Articles 355 and 359, White's Digest.

34. *Ques.*—Has a member of a Lodge who prefers charges against another member of same Lodge, a right to appeal from the action of his Lodge in finding the Brother not guilty?

Ans.—Yes.

35. *Ques.*—Has the Grand Master the right to set aside the action of a Lodge and order a new trial?

Ans.—No.

36. *Ques.*—A member being dropped for non-payment of dues, and being rejected upon application for reinstatement, can he renew his application for reinstatement at the expiration of six months?

Ans.—Yes, he can renew his application for reinstatement any number of times after rejection, each time waiting until the expiration of the time limited by local law provided in other cases of application by candidates for admission.

37. *Ques.*—When a Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, must the application be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the By-Laws of the Lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference, provided the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction where such Lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the Lodge?

Ans.—When a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, the application need not be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the By-Laws of the Lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference; provided the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction where such Lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the Lodge.

38. *Ques.*—Since the adoption of the amendment to the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, known as the liquor law, can a person who has been initiated in good faith and in ignorance on his part of the law, be advanced to a higher Degree, the Lodge ascertaining after initiation and before advancement that he is a saloon keeper?

Ans.—Yes.

This decision was overruled by the adoption of the following:

“Your committee has come to the conclusion that as the Constitution of this Grand Body declares that saloon keepers are ineligible to membership in the Order, that whenever it is discovered that such inhibited individual has by any means been initiated into the Order, that his further progress in the Order should be arrested. That as he is not eligible to membership, he is not qualified to receive any of the Degrees. (Journal, 15,605.)”

39. *Ques.*—Can a member whose dues are paid to January 1st, 1897, be suspended on December 28th, 1897?

Ans.—No. The period from January 1st, 1897, to December 28th, 1897, is not one year, and therefore a Brother who is clear of the books on the 1st day of January can not be suspended on the 28th day of the next ensuing December.

40. *Ques.*—Upon the resignation of a Vice Grand, a member was elected to fill the vacancy, but was not installed into the office, but served to the end of the term for a majority of the nights, and was then elected and installed as Noble Grand and served to the end of the term: is he entitled to the honors of the office?

Ans.—Yes, he is entitled to the honors; he was elected and installed as Noble Grand, served as such for the term, so no matter what mere irregularities there were in his installation and service as Vice Grand, he is entitled to the honors as Noble and Past Grand.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

49. *Ques.*—Is the wife of an Odd Fellow who is but sixteen or seventeen years of age eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Ans.—White women, without regard to age, who are wives of Odd Fellows in good standing, are eligible to membership in Rebekah Lodges, subject to the laws relative to residence, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made.

50. *Ques.*—How many black balls are required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Ans.—Three black balls, and no more, shall be required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

This answer was modified as follows:—Not less than three black balls shall be required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge. Grand Lodges may require a larger, but not a smaller number than three to reject such an application.

52. *Ques.*—Can the staff of Rebekah Lodges have their photographs taken in their robes and costumes for their own use?

Ans.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot legally have photographs of its staff taken in the robes and costumes used in conferring the degree, for the individual use of its members.

53. *Ques.*—Does Section 10 of the Rebekah Code as amended do away with Section 1175 of White's Digest of 1895, or what is the standing of a Brother in a Rebekah Lodge who is suspended, either for non-payment of dues or for cause, in his Subordinate Lodge?

Ans.—Section 1175 of White's Digest remains in force, and a Brother's standing in a Rebekah Lodge depends upon his continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in good standing, except in case of a Brother holding a Withdrawal Card in date, his membership in a Rebekah Lodge is not affected thereby, provided he keeps his dues in the Rebekah Lodge paid for one year from date of Withdrawal Card.

54. *Ques.*—Can Subordinate Jurisdictions still authorize their Rebekah Lodges to set aside 5 per cent of the receipts for dues for contingent fund, notwithstanding the 34th section of the Code for Rebekah Lodges?

Ans.—Yes, they can.

55. *Ques.*—When should the A. P. W. be given in a Rebekah Lodge, as per Rebekah ritual, or after the candidate has signed the Constitution?

Ans.—The A. P. W. is given by the Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge to a candidate in the course of instruction prior to signing the Constitution.

56. *Ques.*—A member of a Rebekah Lodge was tried and suspended for two years; she appealed to the Grand Lodge, and while the appeal was still pending, and before the session of the Grand Lodge, charges were preferred against her on some matters growing out of the previous transaction, but she paid no attention to the said charges, and the Lodge thereupon expelled her for contempt; shortly afterwards the Grand Lodge reinstated her on the first charges, but the Lodge refuses to permit her attendance and claims she was expelled on the second charges. Was the action of the Lodge in refusing to reinstate her legal?

Ans.—On authority of Sections 1611, 1612 and 1613, White's Digest, edition 1895, the action of the Lodge was legal.

59. *Ques.*—Under Section 33 of the Code for Rebekah Lodges, do the laws digested in Sections 726 and 727 of Digest apply to Rebekah Lodges?

Ans.—Sections 726 and 727 of the Digest apply to applicants for reinstatement into Rebekah Lodges as well as it does to Subordinate Lodges; Section 33 specially stating that all the laws, rules and regulations of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted for the government of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force to Country, Provincial, State and Territorial Jurisdictions of the Degree of Rebekah." etc.; there, as no specific provision is made in the Code for reinstatement, the general law as found in the sections of the Digest referred to certainly govern.

65. *Ques.*—What regalia should a Brother of the Rebekah Degree wear in a Rebekah Lodge?

Ans.—Where the Rebekah Code, Section 25, states that Brothers should wear the regalia that they are entitled to wear in the Subordinate Lodge it must be construed to confer to those Brothers

who do not hold office in the Rebekah Lodge. Section 25, Rebekah Code, specifies what the regalia shall be for a Rebekah Lodge. Section 1218, Digest 1895, states "that an Encampment member may wear his Encampment regalia when sitting in his own Lodge, *unless he is a Lodge Officer*, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office," hence, when anyone is elected to office in a Rebekah Lodge, whether male or female, they must wear the regalia provided by law for such office.

61. *Ques.*—Has a Grand Lodge, under the Rebekah Code, any authority to authorize the existence of any other Rebekah Grand Body than an Assembly?

Ans.—No.

62. *Ques.*—Under Section 24, Rebekah Code, revised in 1896, can we require Lodges to vote *yes* or *no*?

Ans.—Section 24, Rebekah Code as amended, provides that "votes in all other cases" (excepting such that are specially stated shall be by ballot), "*shall be viva voce*" which means that the vote may be either *yea* or *nay*, or *yes* or *no*.

63. *Ques.*—Has a Brother a right to wear his Encampment regalia when sitting in a Rebekah Lodge?

Ans.—Yes, unless he is an officer in a Rebekah Lodge; in which case he must wear the regalia of his office, as prescribed in Section 25 of the Rebekah Code.

64. *Ques.*—Can a Brother holding a live Withdrawal Card from a Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge join a Rebekah Lodge by deposit of card, without first having renewed his membership in a Subordinate Lodge?

Ans.—He can not. He must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge. A Brother holding a Withdrawal Card is a member of the Order but not of the Lodge.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

73. *Ques.*—What names should go on duplicate charters?

Ans.—All the names appearing on original charter must be inserted in duplicate charter.

74. *Ques.*—Will the ordinary receipt be illegal when issued simply as a receipt for dues paid?

Ans.—Yes, it will be illegal.

76. *Ques.*—Can a Brother who is in possession of a Certificate and the A. T. P. W, visit a Lodge within the Jurisdiction containing his own Lodge, he being without the P. W. of the current term?

Ans.—Yes.

77. *Statement.*—Confusion having arisen over the legislation of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge concerning interstate visitation on certificate for dues.

Ques.—Is it mandatory, under said legislation, that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall use *exclusively* the certificate mentioned in such legislation?

Ans.—No, not to the exclusion of the Visiting Card.

78. *Ques.*—Does the Sovereign Grand Lodge have exclusive power to print such certificates?

Ans.—Yes.

79. *Ques.*—May State Grand Lodges and Encampments print such certificates for the use of Subordinates within their jurisdiction?

Ans.—No.

80. *Ques.*—May Subordinate Lodges and Encampments provide themselves with any form of receipt for dues, notwithstanding such legislation?

Ans.—No.

81. *Ques.*—Can a Brother visit on an official receipt beyond the date for which his dues are paid?

Ans.—No.

82. *Ques.*—Is any other receipt for dues except the official receipt permissible to be used simply as a receipt for dues?

Ans.—No.

83. *Ques.*—If a Patriarch or Brother pays 26 or 52 weeks in a year, can he demand an official receipt each time, if he pays every meeting night in the year?

Ans.—Yes.

84. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge or Encampment charge three cents or any other price for the receipts, or must they furnish the same free if dues are paid?

Ans.—No. A Lodge or Encampment can not charge any price for the receipt, but must furnish it free of charge.

85. *Ques.*—Did the resolutions from Committee changing or tacking on to Article 16, Section 1, S. G. L. Constitution, to recognize said official receipt as a proper card, change the section; if so, should it not have laid over one year?

Ans.—No, it did not change the section.

86. *Ques.*—Can a trial committee in any or all cases appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence in cases, he or she not being a member of the Order?

Ans.—A trial committee can not appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence, such persons not being members of the Order.

87. *Ques.*—Is it legal to allow a Grand Warden to be put in possession of a Rebekah Ritual, he not being a member of a Rebekah Lodge?

Ans.—No.

88. *Ques.*—Are the words occurring in decision 152 of P. G. S. Stebbins of 1896, "in every branch of the Order," to be construed as abolishing the retiring P. W. in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment?

Ans.—Yes, and instructions in the use of such abolished P. W.'s should be therefore omitted in giving instructions in the Unwritten Work in the Grand Bodies as well as in Subordinates.

89. *Ques.*—If a member is in arrears for dues and pays part or all of such arrearages, and nothing in advance, can he demand as a receipt the Visiting Certificate?

Ans.—Yes.

90. *Ques.*—To receive a Visiting Certificate, does a member have to pay in advance the same as he does when receiving a Visiting Card, and if a member in arrears for dues pays part or all of same, and nothing in advance, can he demand the Official Certificate and the A. T. P. W.?

Ans.—He can demand the Official Certificate, but not the A. T. P. W.

91. *Ques.*—When does a woman cease to be a member of her father's family and cease to be entitled to funeral benefits by reason of her age?

Ans.—All orphans under the age of twenty-one years are entitled to receive funeral benefits. See Section 90, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

92. *Ques.*—Must Lodges and Encampments use the new form of receipt or certificates, to the entire exclusion of any and all other forms of receipts for dues?

Ans.—Yes.

93. *Ques.*—Can a member, when paying his dues, accept the ordinary form of receipt if it suits him and does not desire to visit in another Jurisdiction?

Ans.—No.

94. *Ques.*—If this is the only legal receipt, and a Brother's dues must be paid in advance before he can use the same for the purpose of visiting another Lodge, what form of receipt may be issued to a member who is paying arrearages, but not in advance?

Ans.—The form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "said form of a receipt (certificate) to be universal throughout all jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only and legal receipt (certificate) for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges."

95. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge or Encampment prescribe by by-law that a small fee shall be paid by the Brother on the issuance of the new form of receipt?

Ans.—No.

96. *Ques.*—Has a State Grand Lodge the right to provide where one black ball appears in balloting for a candidate for admission, that one or more additional ballots shall be taken?

Ans.—Yes; State Grand Bodies have the right to make such rules and regulations in regard to balloting as those contained in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

97. *Ques.*—Is it legal and proper for Subordinate and Grand Lodges to authenticate documents issued by them with a printed impression of the seal, or must it be actually impressed upon them?

Ans.—Yes, it is legitimate and proper to use a *printed* seal on official documents, when it is not convenient to actually impress it.

98. *Ques.*—Grand Sire Underwood decided that the D. D. G. M. when installing should be addressed as Grand Master. The new ritual says they shall be addressed by their own proper title, which is D. D. G. M. The Ritual says in a Rebekah Lodge the installing officer shall be addressed as Special Deputy Grand Master. Which governs?

Ans.—The Ritual governs.

99. *Ques.*—Under the wording of the fine print at the end of the instruction in each Degree relative to who may be kept out of a Lodge, can a member suspended for non-payment of dues be kept out?

Ans.—Yes.

100. *Ques.*—Have members of the Order a right to form independent organizations, with officers, take the name of the Lodge to which they belong, and confine membership to that Lodge, but the Lodge have no control or supervision of any kind over it?

Ans.—No.

101. *Ques.*—Can I, as Grand Master of Texas, legally appoint a Past Grand of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, but not residing in Texas, as Special District Deputy Grand Master, he possessing peculiar qualifications for the position as an organizer?

Ans. No, he is not eligible for appointment to the position.

102. *Ques.*—A member of a Lodge in Texas obtains a Withdrawal Card; changes his residence to another Jurisdiction, having, however, no settled residence therein; can he within twelve months from the date of the issuance of the card deposit it and apply for membership in the Lodge granting it, he not being a resident of the Jurisdiction of Texas?

Ans.—He can not.

103. *Ques.*—If a member of the Order went into the saloon business between the time when the amendment to Section 5, article 16, Constitution of the S. G. L., was adopted in 1895, and the date of the approval of Decision 88 by Grand Sire Stebbins in 1896, did he violate the Constitution, and should charges be preferred against him for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow?

Ans.—Yes; under the law and Decisions 88 and 104, session of 1896, such member is liable to have charges preferred against him, and if convicted, should be expelled from the Order.

104. *Ques.*—Can a Brother visit upon an expired Visiting Certificate?

Ans.—No.

105. *Ques.*—Where there is an apparent conflict between the Ritual, the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which should govern?

Ans.—The Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is supreme law, and where any other law conflicts with it, such other law must give way to it.

106. *Ques.*—Can a Rebekah or a Subordinate Lodge legally refuse to grant a Withdrawal Card (except to investigate) to members who are clear of the books of whatsoever kind, good moral character, and free from charges, etc.?

Ans.—Yes.

107. *Ques.*—A person regularly proposed and elected a member by initiation; a special meeting was called to initiate him, but four members of the lodge attended. They, with the assistance of members of other Lodges, initiated him. What is his standing?

Ans.—He is a full member of the initiatory degree, although the Lodge acted in violation of law in conferring the degree, but the initiate is in no manner chargeable with this. Having received the degree it cannot be taken from him, although the Lodge is subject to discipline for conferring the degree with less than a quorum of its members present. See Sections 639 and 690, White's Digest.

108. *Ques.*—Can the Grand Master of Oregon grant permission for a resident of Idaho to join a Lodge in Oregon, every other requisite for admission, such as consent of Idaho, nearness to the Oregon Lodge, etc., etc., existing?

Ans.—Yes.

109. *Ques.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge provide by by-law that an initiate shall receive no benefits until six months after his initiation?

Ans.—Yes, it can, provided they are so permitted by the uniform constitution of its jurisdiction.

110. *Ques.*—Is it not obligatory on all Lodges to pay at least the minimum benefits to initiates and to members of the first degree, as well as to members of the third degree?

Ans.—It is not; the lodge, if not prohibited by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, has a right to declare what class of members shall be beneficial and may provide that only members who have attained the third degree shall be beneficial, but if they pay to any class, benefits, it must not be less than two dollars per week.

111. *Ques.*—Please state all the conditions under which a lodge may deny benefits, or all but the minimum benefits, to members?

Ans.—This question has been, in effect, answered in the preceding answers. The law is that a Subordinate Lodge has the right to declare what classes of members shall be beneficial, it may so divide the members into classes as to give one rate of benefit to an initiate, another rate to a first degree member, another to a second, and another to a third; but it can not give to any member declared by it beneficial, a less rate than two dollars per week.

All these divisions, however, are subject to the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge, it having, however, no power to say that a lodge may pay less than two dollars per week to any member it has declared beneficial.

112. *Ques.*—Has a band a right to use the name "Patriarchs Militant Band" without permission, or use it, being members of the I. O. O. F., but not members of a Canton?

Ans.—A band has no right to use the name of the Patriarchs Militant, either with or without permission of the P. M. authorities, and if the persons composing the band are members of the Order, charges can be preferred against them in their Lodges and Encampments.

114. *Ques.*—Can the Noble Grand and Secretary issue an order for the semi-annual password which will extend beyond their term of office, and be good up to the time the brother pays his dues?

Ans.—Yes, they can.

115. *Ques.*—Under Section 985, White's Digest, 1895, what is the extent of the "declination" required? Would every Past Grand of the Lodge have to be elected and then decline before dispensation provided could be asked?

Ans.—It is not necessary for every qualified Past Grand belonging to the Lodge to decline to accept after they are elected. It is sufficient if on the night of election all present decline an election.

LEGISLATION.

That the official certificate provided for by the Legislation of 1896, shall be furnished to Subordinate Grand Bodies at, and for the rate of eighty cents per hundred, and to Subordinate Lodges, Subordinate Encampments, Rebekah Lodges at the rate of one dollar per hundred.

That the Grand Sire appoint a special committee, consisting of three members, to consider and codify the funeral and burial ceremony, and make their report to this Sovereign Body at its next annual session.

That Section 194 Digest be amended so as to read as follows: that all Withdrawal Cards, Visiting Cards and Certificates for Dues, Assessments, Fees, etc., should be signed by the holder thereof, in the presence of the officer by whom the A. T. P. W. is communicated.

That it shall be the duty of each Secretary of each Rebekah Lodge to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to which any member of such Rebekah Lodge belongs a list of the members of said Subordinate Lodge who are also members of said Rebekah Lodge, and thereafter to notify the Secretary of the proper Subordinate Lodge, when any Brother shall become a member of said Rebekah Lodge; and it shall also be the duty of each Secretary

of a Subordinate Lodge thus notified that a member or members of his Lodge are members of such Rebekah Lodge, to inform the Secretary of said Rebekah Lodge, without unnecessary delay of the withdrawal by card suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member.

That it shall be unlawful for any Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or any officer or member thereof, or any committee of any Jurisdiction to solicit aid or relief for any purpose or in any manner, either by direct request for funds, sale of tickets or chances, or by any scheme whatever from the Lodges or members thereof, or of the Grand Patriarch, if such appeal is to be made to Encampments, or Patriarchs thereof. Such consent can only be obtained upon proper request therefor duly made by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the soliciting Jurisdiction.

That any member of the Order who shall introduce, sell, or offer to introduce or sell, to any Subordinate Lodge, Rebekah Lodge, Encampment or Canton of Patriarchs Militant, any device which in its character is calculated to make ridiculous the sublime lessons taught by the Degrees of the Order, shall be guilty of an offence against the Order, and on conviction thereof shall be expelled.

That hereafter the Official Receipt shall be designated as the Official Certificate and shall be issued in all cases when members pay dues and assessments to Subordinate Bodies and shall request a receipt, and that such change be made in the form and matter as to make it plain and distinct, with ample space for necessary signatures and a line for the location of body issuing it and the date.

The statistics of the Manchester Unity be no longer compiled and printed in the journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the special committee on Juvenile Degree be discharged and the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

That the history of Odd Fellowship published by the Fraternal Publishing Co., of Boston, be made the official history of the Order.

That in the case of the absence of a Brother paying dues, a duly accredited order for the A. T. P. W. shall accompany the receipt.

That hereafter the printed journal shall no longer be designated or referred to as the "Revised Journal," but as the "Journal of Proceedings."

That hereafter all assets of Subordinate Lodges whose Charters have been surrendered may be placed to the credit of a fund to be called and known as Aged Odd Fellows' Fund. Such fund may also

be increased and maintained by voluntary contributions and by such other means as are not inconsistent with the laws of the Order.

That the 20th day of September be recognized as the anniversary of the institution of the Rebekah Degree and that it be annually celebrated and commemorated by proper and appropriate ceremonies.

That the Official Certificate and the Visiting Card shall be the only legal acknowledgment for dues and assessments paid by a member to a Subordinate Lodge, Subordinate Encampment or Rebekah Lodge.

That after January 1st, 1898, no Grand or Subordinate Body shall receive any credit for old Rituals returned or destroyed, but all Grand and Subordinate Bodies shall pay full price for all Rituals purchased.

That Section 958 of Digest of 1895 be amended by striking out the word "permanent" in the second line and inserting the word "financial," so that the Permanent Secretary will hereafter be known as Financial Secretary.

That Grand Lodges may provide for the payment of a system of uniform dues and benefits (graded according to age), provided that the amount of benefits is not less than the minimum established by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That in all other respects than is hereinabove set forth, said Official Certificate shall conform to, and carry with it all rights and privileges provided by the legislation of 1896 relative to the subject matter hereinabove referred to.

That all cards in the Grand Secretary's office and in the possession of Subordinate Lodges which have on the margin the facsimile of the signature of Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, are hereby declared legal.

That the Grand Secretary be directed in all future editions of the Digest to have Section 1834 eliminated, as it was never enacted into law by this Grand Body. (This Section allowed Lodges to purchase six Rituals.

That this Sovereign Grand Lodge express and place upon record the sincere sympathy of this Great Brotherhood for our unfortunate and suffering Brethren on the Island of Cuba.

That the sum of \$1,500 be annually appropriated, commencing with this Session, for the use of the Grand Sire for office expenses and for visitation.

That the Grand Secretary be directed to ship a complete set of the bound proceedings to every Odd Fellow's Home, which has not already received them, without charge.

The amended Constitution of our own Grand Lodge was submitted, and referred to the Committee on Constitutions who made the following report, which was Adopted.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Your Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, adopted at its Annual Session, June 9-11, 1897, and find that the same does not conflict with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except in Section 6, Article II, the concluding words, "or his Deputy," and Section 4, Article III, the concluding clause commencing, "provided, also;" which, in the judgment of your committee, are not in usual or proper form.

Resolved, That said Constitution be approved with the exception of the portions of Section 6, Article II, and Section 4, Article III, as above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with instructions from this Grand Body the following was introduced and dealt with as below :

Rep. Neelands, of British Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Resolved, That Subordinate Grand Bodies may enact legislation whereby members of Defunct Lodges, who were in good standing at the time their Lodge became defunct, may continue to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Order by payment of dues to their Grand Lodge.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation have considered the following resolution, offered by Rep. Neelands, of British Columbia.

Resolved, "That Subordinate Grand Bodies may enact Legislation whereby members of defunct Lodges, who, at the time their Lodge became defunct, were in good standing, may continue to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Order by payment of dues to their Grand Lodge;"

Would report that we regard the legislation asked for to be not for the best interests of our Order, and offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That we be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. C. FARNHAM,	WALTER E. CARLIN,	JOHN L. NOLIN,
H. J. ROWE,	EDWIN L. PIERBURY,	C. R. ELLIOTT,
FRANK L. POWERS,	E. R. VAN DEMAN,	L. H. MEAD,
FRANCIS M. REA,	H. E. HOLMES,	THOS. WOODYATT

Report was adopted.

All amendments relating to biennial sessions were defeated.

It was decided that the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be held in Boston, Mass.

A new Rebekah Ritual was adopted which it is hoped will prove satisfactory.

Amendments were proposed to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to be dealt with next Session, one providing for the Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to be held biennially instead of annually. Another add to the qualifications for Grand Representatives that they must be members of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing, and still another, that Grand Representatives must be Past Chief Patriarchs and members in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge and a Canton.

In conclusion, your Representatives beg to thank you for the honor conferred and the opportunity afforded them of attending a Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, thus enabling them to meet some of the veterans of the Order and to get a deeper insight into the working of what we believe to be the greatest and the best fraternal institution in the world to-day.

Fraternally submitted,

D. WELSH,
T. F. NEELANDS.

Bro. D. Welsh submitted the following additional report:

BROTHEREN: The close of this Session will end my duties as your Grand Representative, and I wish to leave on record my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in electing me two years ago to the very important and honorable position of Grand Representative to the Sovereign

Grand Lodge. To me it has been an honor and privilege the memory of which I shall cherish through life. I have greatly enjoyed meeting and becoming acquainted with many of the old and prominent members of the Order whose names have been familiar to us for years through the Grand Lodge journals and through association with them and the different exercises and ceremonies. In connection with the two Sessions I have attended, I have gained a knowledge of many things relative to the Order that could not otherwise be obtained, and I will only add that during my term of office as your Grand Representative I have endeavored to do my duty honestly, faithfully and for the best interests of this Jurisdiction and the Order in general, and I extend my thanks to you all for your kind and courteous treatment and the confidence placed in me.

Fraternally,

D. WELSH.

Report read from the Special Committee on Uniform System of Dues and Benefits, appointed last Session, which was received and referred to the Committee on Legislation :

VANCOUVER, B. C.,

June 6th, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee, appointed last Session to enquire into the amount of benefits paid, with special reference to monthly dues, with a view of formulating a uniform system based on sound financial principles, beg to report that we have gone carefully into the matter and have been guided by the report of a similar committee to the Grand Lodge of Ontario from which we quote:—"Your Committee are strongly of the opinion that there should be adopted a uniform system of dues and benefits. The subject of vital statistics has been studied so keenly that nearly every Order contains within itself some persons who are competent to guide their Brethren, and it is cheerful to note that the labors of the leading men all tend towards financial improvement; and if some Societies are ahead of others, it is simply through the greater self-denying labors of some of the Brethren within it. At the beginning of their careers some of the grand Societies in the United Kingdom had no knowledge of the scientific principles which should have guided them; neither had they any clear conceptions of the limit of their duties. Now they can boast of organizations perfected by years of trial and of a patiently built up financial system that is proof against any attack, and open for adoption by all Societies that believe in the necessity of a balance being adjusted between dues and benefits.

A careful investigation must demonstrate to the most sincere advocate of "things as they are" the folly of the conclusion that because a Society has contrived to meet all its demands and save a little money, during the earlier portion of its existence, it is necessarily in a solvent condition. A *much larger sum* than is generally imagined is required to be placed out at interest during the earlier period of membership if the heavy claims for sickness, which past experience shows must be expected after the recipients have reached the age of sixty, are to be faithfully liquidated. It has been proved beyond dispute that the total average amount of sickness between the age of 20 and that of 60 (a period of forty years) is sixty weeks, three days and eleven hours (Neilson, Ansell, and Actual Experience of Friendly Societies), while between 60 and 70—a period of only ten years—it is seventy-seven weeks, two days and two hours. In other words, there is on the average less sickness experienced during the first forty years after manhood than in the ten years between 60 and 70. Again, from 20 to 70 the average sickness is one hundred and thirty-seven weeks, five days and thirteen hours; and from 70 to 80, two hundred and five weeks, two days and eleven hours; an increase during the latter ten years over the preceding fifty of sixty-seven weeks, three days and twenty-two hours.

The importance of the above statistics cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of all interested in the prosperity of the Order. It will be seen that a person entering at 21 brings with him an immediate liability of only over rather half a week's sickness per annum; while he who joins the Society at 40 commences with the prospect of claiming double the amount of benefits. Yet in spite of the many warnings, we find that a very large number of our Lodges continue to charge a uniform rate of dues for all ages.

The necessity of a uniform scale of dues and benefits we think is becoming apparent.

Mr. L. G. Fouse, the actuary who examined the financial standing of a kindred Society some time ago, recommended the adoption of a graduated system of dues for each age, and prepared a table founded on the Canadian experience, which your Committee think should be obtained by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Representatives to the following action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the Session of 1893:

1. *Resolved*, That the *minimum rate of dues* in all Lodges immediately subordinate to this Grand Body shall be ten cents per week, or \$5.20 per annum.

2. *Resolved*, That the sick benefits to be allowed in such lodges per week shall not exceed one-half of one year's dues, and the funeral benefit shall not exceed five times one year's dues.

The following Ontario statistics will speak more eloquently of the true state of things than any argument your Committee may advance:

Average receipts from each member for dues:

1885	\$4 00	1890	\$5 52
1886	5 34	1891	5 57
1887	5 30	1892	5 45½
1888	5 49	1893	5 47½
1889	5 49	1894	5 00

Average cost per member for Sick and Funeral benefits and current expenses:

1885	\$6 18	1890	\$6 46
1886	5 38	1891	6 41
1887	5 57	1892	5 73½
1888	6 43½	1893	5 27½
1889	6 42½	1894	7 16

If this system of small receipts and large expenditures for benefits continues, how long will it be before Lodges are compelled to repudiate altogether the claims of widows of deceased members? As soon as it becomes known that Lodges cannot perform their promises, and must disappoint the just expectation of widows and orphans in the hour of their need and affliction, they may as well write "Ihabod" on the doors of their Lodge rooms. The relief of the widow and orphan has been a work to which the members of the Order have pointed with pride. As far as your Committee can learn, ours is the only Society in the Province which undertakes to pay widows' benefits.

G. L. CENTER,
GEO. R. GORDON,
A. H. FERGUSON.

Report read from the Special Committee on Statistics re Dues and Benefits, which was received and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of this Session:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee, appointed last Session to continue the work of previous Committees in collecting statistics re dues and benefits from the Reports of the Subordinate Lodges of this Juris-

diction during the past ten years, beg to submit herewith a tabulated statement on the subject.

We are pleased to observe that the Lodge expenditures for last year show a decrease under all the heads as compared with the preceding year's report, and a material reduction appears in all the averages. The average cost per member for all Lodge expenditures is \$1.00 less than that shown in last year's report, and it is also gratifying to note that the average cost per member for current or working expenses is less than it has been for the past ten years.

As the important question of the relation of dues to benefits paid in this Jurisdiction is in the hands of a Special Committee to report at this Session, your Committee deem it unnecessary to comment on that subject in this report.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. DAVEY,	} Committee.
W. E. JOHNSTONE,	
E. QUENNELLE.	

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ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

FOR TEN YEARS

Year.	No. of Members.	No. Sick.	No. of Weeks Benefits Paid.	Deaths.	Sick Benefits.	AMOUNT PAID FOR					Special Relief.	Total Relief.
						Funeral Expenses.	Widowed Families.	Relief and Education of Orphans.				
1886	280	116	786	10	\$5912 75	780 00	160 00	95 00				\$8047 75
1887	1017	128	803	12	7455 50	875 00	170 00	7 15				8542 65
1888	1242	132	959	6	8057 50	612 50	151 00					8821 00
1889	1430	171	1100	13	9525 70	881 50	120 00	50 00				10567 20
1890	1954	205	1161	13	9875 00	1100 00	300 00					11403 70
1891	2151	217	1279	13	10450 00	1116 00	397 00	115 00	771 00			12832 00
1892	3015	285	1606	14	13254 47	1093 00	285 00	00 00	544 00			15238 47
1893	2988	313	2053	26	17042 46	2255 50	304 30	170 65	825 55			20635 46
1894	2829	363	2001	26	20742 47	1914 49	712 45	181 50	1342 72			24806 63
1895	2801	337	2356	20	17450 00	1842 35	282 25	149 50	781 40			20506 40

PORTS OF
TEN YEARS

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1917.

Total Relief.	Current or Working Expenses.	Sickness per Member.	AVERAGE.			Dues.	RECEIPTS.		
			Cost per Member for Total Relief.	Cost Memb. Current or Working exp.	Cost Memb. for all Lge Expendi- tures.		Initiation and Degrees	Rent and other Investm'ts	Total.
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8824 00	6477 16	"	8 10	6 27	11 07				18868 58
10567 20	8367 74	54 "	7 34	6 90	11 30				24721 79
11403 70	12107 37	54 "	7 39	8 17	15 86				26501 20
12882 00	13060 11	44 "	5 84	9 55	15 30				41142 93
15236 17	16111 97	44 "	5 98	7 48	13 46				42480 02
20635 16	22077 36	34 "	5 05	7 32	12 37	27392 65	14900 50	10275 53	53798 79
24800 03	17049 01	44 "	6 90	6 00	12 00	34902 51	5085 50	7080 41	50191 98
20500 10	15544 20	6 5 12	8 80	5 50	14 30	30055 77	4610 00	9151 00	49255 88
	14903 05	5 5 6	7 32	5 32	12 61	20040 45	5703 51	8550 12	46787 37

Average sickness per member during 10 years, 54 days.
 " cost per member for total relief during 10 years \$ 7 08
 " " " " current expenses during 10 yrs 6 90
 " " " " all Lodges expenditures during
 10 years 14 07

Report read from the Committee on Appeals, Ray v. "Acme" Lodge, No. 14, which was adopted.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 17th, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Appeals, beg leave to report that we have examined into the Appeal of Robt. Ray against the action of Acme Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., in expelling him from the said Lodge, and find from the evidence laid before us that the Lodge was justified in expelling him.

We would therefore recommend that the Appeal be dismissed and the action of Acme Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., be sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. GILMOUR,
J. A. MCKAY,
T. A. MUIR.

It was on motion *resolved* that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Grand Representatives for the able report they have presented to this Grand Lodge.

It was moved, seconded and carried "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present, who were reported duly qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

It was moved by Rep. E. Bragg, No. 4, and seconded by Rep. H. Siddall, No. 33,—That the vote by which the Report of the Committee on Appeals was adopted this afternoon be reconsidered.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the further consideration of this matter be postponed until after the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Grand Warden be instructed to confer the Grand Lodge Degree on the Past Grands in waiting in the ante room, and the Grand Lodge Degree was accordingly conferred on the following : W. Croy, No. 8 ; F. W. Mills, R. H. Pool, G. H. Middlemiss, No. 19 ; H. T. Kirk, No. 13.

The hour fixed by law for the election of Grand Lodge Officers having arrived, the following nominations were made :

For Grand Master—A. Henderson, No. 2, nominated by F. Caine, P. G. M., No. 1.

For Deputy Grand Master—E. C. Davison, No. 9, nominated by J. A. Stone, No. 25 ; D. Welsh, No. 13, nominated by D. G. Dailey, No. 5.

For Grand Warden—S. W. Edwards, No. 14, nominated by P. W. Dempster, No. 2 ; C. C. Fisher, No. 27, nominated by J. R. Webster, No. 10 ; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, nominated by J. Neelands, No. 16.

For Grand Secretary—F. Davey, No. 1, nominated by A. H. Gillanders, No. 7.

For Grand Treasure.—J. Stark, No. 26, nominated by G. R. Gordon, No. 26 ; P. W. Dempster, No. 2, nominated by E. Bragg, No. 4 ; W. Hogg, No. 10, nominated by S. W. Edwards, No. 14, S. W. Edwards, No. 14, nominated by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4.

For Grand Representative—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, nominated by J. Newton, No. 20 ; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, nominated by W. E. Johnstone, No. 8.

The Grand Master appointed W. H. Gardiner, No. 27, and W. Bailey, No. 6, to act as tellers.

The Grand Master declared A. Henderson, No. 2, duly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year by acclamation.

The ballot was spread for Deputy Grand Master and the following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 90. Necessary to elect, 46. E. C. Davison, No. 9, received 35 votes, D. Welsh, No. 13, received 54 votes, Blank, 1.

D. Welsh, No. 13, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for Grand Warden and the following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 90. Necessary to elect, 46. S. W. Edwards, No. 14, received 19 votes, C. C. Fisher, No. 27, received 21 votes, W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, received 49 votes.

W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected as Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

F. Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee for Grand Secretary was declared duly elected by acclamation.

For Grand Treasurer the ballot was spread and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast, 89, necessary to elect, 45. J. Stark, No. 26, received 19 votes ; P. W. Dempster, No. 2, received 12 votes ; W. Hogg, No. 10, received 33 votes ; S. W. Edwards, No. 14, received 25 votes.

There being no choice, the name of P. W. Dempster, No. 2, was dropped and a fresh ballot spread with the following result :

Number of votes cast, 89, necessary to choice, 45. J. Stark, No. 26, received 20 votes ; W. Hogg, No. 10, received 42 ; S. W. Edwards, No. 14, received 27.

There still being no choice, the name of J. Stark, No. 26, was omitted, and a fresh ballot taken with the following result :

Number of votes cast, 89, necessary to elect, 45. W. Hogg, No. 10, received 62 votes ; S. W. Edwards, No. 14 received 27 votes.

W. Hogg, No. 10, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for Grand Representative and following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 89, necessary to elect 45. J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, received 77 votes ; J. E. Phillips P. G. M., No. 4, received 12 votes.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

It was on motion resolved that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9.30 a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

9th June, 1898.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present. All present having been examined and reported qualified, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The motion for the reconsideration of the vote by which the Report of the Committee on Appeals, Ray v. "Acme" Lodge, No. 14, was adopted, laid over last evening, was submitted to the vote and declared lost.

Report read from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, which was adopted.

NANAIMO, B. C., June 8th, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that they have examined the following By-Laws and Amendments thereto of the different Lodges of this Jurisdiction during the past year :

Dominion Lodge, No. 4 :—

Addition to Art. 4, duties of Recording Secretary re Lodge Physician.

Addition of Art. 14, re appointment and duties of Lodge Physician.

Art. 19, reducing benefits, addition of Clause 2.

Art. 19, Sec. 1, re form of application for sick benefits.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2 :—

Art. 24, Sec. 2, re roll call of members at funeral, also striking out of Sec. 3, Art. 24, abolishing fines for non-attendance at funerals.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19:—

Art. 1, Sec. 1, changing night of meeting.

Art. 17, Sec. 3, qualifications of members to vote. Not approved, being contrary to Sec. 1778, White's Digest.

Art. 27, Sec. 1, re Contingent Fund.

Peerless Lodge, No. 33:—

Art. 24, Sec. 3 and 4, abolishing fines for non-attendance at funerals.

Silver City Lodge, No. 39.—

Complete set approved, with several minor amendments.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8:—

Sec. 2, Art. 20, reinstatement of suspended members.

Cheam Lodge, No. 28:—

Art. 16, Sec. 1, re dues.

“ 17, “ 1, re amount for degrees.

“ 20, “ 1, re benefits.

“ 20, “ 2, re notification of sickness of members.

“ 20, “ 3, re dues and benefits.

“ 20, “ 4, limiting funeral benefits to Third Degree members. Not approved.

Art. 27, Sec. 3 and 4, re suspended members.

“ 22, “ 3, fee for reinstatement of members increased from \$5 to \$12, to conform to Constitution.

Slocan Lodge, No. 40:—

Complete set or By-Laws approved with slight amendment.

Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18:—

Re formation of contingent fund.

Acme Lodge, No. 14:—

Art. 1, changing night of meeting.

Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25:—

Complete set of By-Laws.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1:—

Amendments to Art. VI, reducing initiation fee for Brothers to \$1.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1:—

Art. 19, Sec. 5, reducing funeral benefits, members, \$50; members' wives and widows, \$25.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26 :—

Art. 2, duties of N. G.

“ 3, “ V. G.

“ 4, “ Recording Secretary.

“ 5, “ Financial Secretary.

“ 6, “ Treasurer.

“ 9, “ O. G.

“ 10, “ Trustees.

“ 11, “ Visiting Committee.

“ 15, application for membership.

“ 16, assessment of members struck out.

“ 17, balloting for degrees.

“ 18, application for membership.

“ 19, re ballots and elections, changed to Medical Examiner,
and old Art. 19, changed to Art. 20, re ballots and elections.

Art. 21, re benefits.

“ 22, Visiting Cards.

“ 23, re fines and penalties.

“ 24, re funds.

“ 25, Widows and Orphans Fund.

“ 26, widows benefits.

“ 28, striking out of Sec. 2, and changing of Sec. 3 to Sec. 2,
re members leaving funeral procession.

Rossland Lodge, No. 36 :—

Approved new Code of By-Laws, with a few slight amendments.

JAMES CROSSAN,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
H. L. BATES.

Report read from same Committee which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg leave to state that we have examined the proposed amendments submitted to the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, and would recommend that they be approved as amended.

JAMES CROSSAN,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
W. HUNTER,
A. R. MILLER,
ROBT. MAY.

Report read from Committee on Printing, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Representatives, beg to recommend that the question of printing such portions of the Report in the Proceedings of this Session as will be of interest to the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of this Jurisdiction be left to the discretion of the Committee on Printing, to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master.

That the matter of inserting a Memorial Page in this year's Proceedings containing the names of the late Bro. R. Roberts, P. G. M., P. G. R., and other Past Grands who have died during the past year, as suggested by the Grand Secretary in his Report, be approved.

FRED. DAVEY,
FRED. COCKBURN,
NEIL McCUIISH,
H. N. McDONALD,
HERBERT GILLEY,
J. C. SMITH.

Report read from the Committee on Petitions, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Charter for a Rebekah Lodge at Carson, beg to recommend that the same be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

SIBREE CLARKE,
THOMAS HARDY,
ADAMS EDWARDS,
J. PEERS,
W. G. ELLIOTT.

Report read from the Committee on Judiciary, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary having carefully examined the portions of the Grand Master's Report referred to them, beg to report as follows:—

We recommend that the same be approved, with the following exceptions:

We find that Question No. 2 should be answered thus. A suspended member in order to be reinstated must be balloted for, in the absence of local law to the contrary. See Digest, Page 217, Art. 730.

We also beg to point out that the Constitution of Sub-Lodges in this Jurisdiction provides for the ballot being taken in such cases. See Art. VII, Clause 2.

Question No. 7.—We find that a member applying for reinstatement, and being rejected, cannot renew his application until the expiration of one year. See Art. VII, Clause 2, Const. of Sub.

JAMES STARK,
ANDREW SHERET,
D. M. O'DWYER,
RALPH BELL,
D. G. DAILEY.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation are of the opinion that it would be a nice proceeding to follow the action of other Jurisdictions in adopting the practice of the appointment of a Special Committee to be called the Obituary Committee or Committee on "In Memoriam," whose duty it shall be to draw up Memorial Pages recording the death of those brothers who may have become deceased during the interval between the Sessions of this Grand Lodge, with suitable references, and the same printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

J. ED. PHILLIPS,
ANDW. McKNIGHT,
D. D. GRIFFITH,
J. C. MURPHY,
H. J. RICKARD.

Report read from the same Committee.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, beg to recommend that the figures of the actuary mentioned in the report be obtained by this Grand Lodge, and in the meantime that a proposition to reduce the maximum amount of benefits from \$10 a week to \$8 per week for each dollar of monthly contributions be submitted to the Subordinate Lodges.

J. E. PHILLIPS,
AND. McKNIGHT,
D. D. GRIFFITHS,
J. C. MURPHY,
H. J. RICKARD,

It was moved and seconded, That the report be received and laid on the table for one year.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment, That the Report be received and laid on the table for further consideration.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment to the amendment, That the Report be received and adopted

The amendment to the amendment on being submitted to the vote was declared to be carried.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 2 o'clock P. M. to-day.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present, who were examined and reported duly qualified when the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

F. McCullough, P. G., No. 21, was admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

Report read from the Special Committee appointed last Session, re Aged Odd Fellows' Fund, which was on motion referred back to the Committee to insert a recom-

mentation that members of defunct Lodges who are suffering from a chronic disease at the time of the surrender of the Charter should be eligible to receive the benefits of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.

Report read from the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that in the opinion of this Committee the amount allowed the Grand Master for traveling expenses should be increased to such an amount as will allow him to visit the various Lodges throughout the Interior, and we therefore recommend that the amount allowed for that purpose be increased to \$250.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
A. H. FERGUSON,
H. G. PARSONS,
GEO. R. GORDON,
JAMES S. SMITH,
H. FOOKS.

Amended Report read from Special Committee, re Aged Odd Fellows' Fund, and adopted.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 9th, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRs' AND BROTHERS'.—We your Committee appointed to take into consideration the Legislation passed by the S. G. L. at its Session of 1890, relating to members of Defunct Lodges and the creating of a fund for their relief, beg to report that after going over the aforesaid Legislation we would recommend that an "Aged Odd Fellows' Fund" be created by this Grand Body on lines laid down in the S. G. L. Journal of Proceedings, page 14942.

We regret to note that the time of continued membership of 25 years, which this Legislation demands should be of so long a period and we would therefore recommend that our Representatives to the S. G. L. be instructed to advocate that this time limit be reduced, also that members of Defunct Lodges who are permanently sick at the time of the surrender of the Charter, and thereby unable to obtain

membership in a Subordinate Lodge may be eligible to receive the benefits of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.

T. A. MUIR,
W. HOGG,
T. F. NEELANDS,
D. WELSH,
JAMES STARK,

Moved by Representative Gordon, No. 26, seconded by Grand Representative Neelands, No. 8, and carried:—That in connection with Resolution passed on report of Committee on Legislation re maximum amount of benefits and the reference of the matter to the Subordinate Lodges for action. That the following course of procedure be adopted, viz: that the D. D. G. M. in all Jurisdictions shall in all cases (when practicable) meet the Lodges or Committee appointed by them at a date as near the 15th January, 1899, as practicable and that all resolutions and recommendations made by the various Committees or Lodges on Benefits and Dues, be submitted by the D. D. G. M. to the Grand Secretary not later than 15th February, who shall submit them to a Committee appointed at this Session of the Grand Lodge, and who shall report to the next Session of the Grand Lodge such information and recommendations as to Legislation as the reports received will suggest.

Moved by Grand Secretary, seconded by Grand Rep. Welsh, and carried:—That the report of the Special Committee on Aged Odd Fellows' Fund be referred to the Committee on Legislation, with instructions to submit the necessary legislation for adoption by this Grand Lodge respecting the Certificate of Eligibility to be furnished, and the amount of Dues to be paid by and Benefits to be paid to the members on the Aged Odd Fellows' Register.

It was moved by. Rep. Rickard, No. 26, and seconded —That the price list of supplies be amended, the charge for some items being apparently in excess of the amount

fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. Motion defeated.

It was on motion, *Resolved*—That the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Vancouver.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order.

To Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report :—

We feel gratified with the present state of the Order in this Province, and while we are certain that every reasonable effort has been put forward in the past for the advancement of the Order, we trust that the members of this Grand Lodge will return to their respective homes with renewed zeal and a firm determination to do everything within their power for the best interests of the Order. It must be borne in mind that it is not the work of one man or one Lodge that will make this the grandest fraternal organization in the world, but the united efforts of each and every member. We recognize the influence and great amount of good to be derived from frequent visits to the Subordinate Lodges by the officers of the Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the Grand Master or some duly qualified brother be requested to visit the new and isolated Lodges as often as possible to give instruction and aid, and encourage all such lodges in their work. Your Committee are gratified with the large attendance at this meeting, showing as it does the deep interest taken in the good work. We recommend that the Reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be printed prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge for distribution among the Representatives. We note with pleasure that in nearly every instance that the D. D. G. M.'s report that future prospects are very bright, and we hope that their fondest expectations will be more than realized.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. GARDINER,
F. CARNE,
JAS. R. WEBSTER,
J. A. STONE,
A. E. TEETER,
J. PALMER,
HINKSON SIDDALL.

Moved and seconded that the Report be adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment—That the report be adopted with the exception of that portion referring to the printing of the Reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The amendment was adopted.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following Report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary beg to report that they have examined the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters referred to them and recommend their adoption, with the exception of that portion of the Report of D. D. G. M. J. H. Hallet, District No. 23, Greenwood, B. C., in granting a dispensation to confer the Third Degree at a special meeting, such action being illegal, that power being vested in the Grand Master only.

JAMES STARK,
D. M. O'DWYER,
RALPH BELL,
D. G. DAILEY.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred page 2 of the Grand Secretary's Report respecting the Constitution of Rebekah Lodges, beg to recommend that a Section be added to Article 8, to be numbered Sec. 2, and to read as follows:

Should this Lodge fail to make any of its returns as required by the preceding Section for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its Charter and become extinct. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master or his Deputy the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

D. D. GRIFFITH.
J. C. MURPHY,
AND. MCKNIGHT,
H. J. RICKARD.
J. EDWARD PHILLIPS.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

THIRD DAY.

10th June, 1898.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 2:30 P. M., all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported them duly qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Rep. E. P. Dennis, No. 26, was admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

The minutes of preceding meetings of this Session were read and adopted.

A communication was read from "Beulah" Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, thanking the Grand Lodge for the opportunity afforded of exemplifying the beautified work of the Rebekah Degree and on motion ordered to be received and filed.

Moved by Rep. G. R. Gordon, No. 26, and seconded by Rep. W. J. Hanna, No. 33, and carried,—That the Special Committee on Uniform System of Dues and Benefits consist of the following : T. F. Neeiands, No. 8; D.

M. O'Dwyer, No. 10; R. Mills, No. 19; H. J. Rickard, No. 26; A. H. Ferguson, No. 3; G. R. Gordon, No. 26.

Moved by Rep. Hanna, No. 33, and seconded by Rep. Bragg, No. 4,—That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to support legislation to allow members to wear badges instead of the present regalia in the Subordinate Lodges.

On being submitted to the vote, the motion was declared to be defeated.

The requisite number of Representatives having called for the Ayes and Nays on the question, they were taken, with the following result :

Ayes:—Davison, Davey, S. W. Edwards, T. F. Neelands, Gillanders, Hogg, Griffiths, Skinner, Carne, York, Bragg, Hunter, Bailey, Miller, Johnstone, Webster, Palmer, J. Neelands, Cooper, Newton, Gordon, May, McCuish, Hanna, Hardy, Teeter, Gray, P. G. M.—27.

Nays:—Morton, Henderson, Welsh, J. S. Smith, A. Edwards, Dempster, Muir, W. Smith, Crossan, Dailey, Peers, Clarke, O'Dwyer, Dennis, McKnight, Sheret, McMurphy, Middlemiss, Bell, McCullough, J. C. Smith, McKay, Stone, Rickard, Stark, Cockburn, Gardiner, Fooks, Siddall, Parsons, McDonald, Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3.—32.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following Report, which was adopted:

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 9th June, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred page 1 of the Grand Secretary's Report re Grand Lodge Constitution, beg to recommend :—

1st. That notice be given the Subordinate Lodges that Art. 2, Sec. 6, be amended as follows:

The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless Representatives from three Lodges are present, including ten members in addition to the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master.

2nd. That Art. 3, Sec. 4, concluding clause be struck out so that the Section may conform to the requirements of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

D. D. GRIFFITH,
AND. MCKNIGHT,
J. ED. PHILLIPS,
H. J. RICKARD.

Moved by Rep. Bragg, No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Siddall, No. 33,—That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to use their influence and vote for the reduction of the age at which persons may join the Order from 21 years to 18 years of age. Carried.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following Report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the Certificates presented by the Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Session, and find them entitled to the amounts stated against their respective names:

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	Total.
<i>Officers.</i>							
W. H. Morton, G. M.	5	Nanaimo.....	3	\$6 00	48	\$ 4 80	\$ 10 80
A. Henderson, D. G. M.	2	Victoria.....	3	6 00	96	9 50	15 60
E. C. Davison, G. W.	9	Kamloops.....	3	6 00	242	24 20	30 20
F. Davey, G. Sec.	1	Victoria.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
S. W. Edwards, G. Treas	14	do.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
D. Welsh, G. R.	13	New West'r.....	3	6 00			6 00
T. F. Neelands, G. R.	8	Vancouver.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
A. H. Gillanders, G. C.	7	Chilliwack.....	3	6 00	50	5 00	11 00
W. Hogg, G. Guar.	10	Vancouver.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
D. D. Griffiths, G. Con.	33	Wellington.....	3	6 00	54	5 40	11 40
W. B. Skinner, G. Her.	21	Ladner's.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
<i>Representatives.</i>							
F. Carne, P.G.M.	1	Victoria.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
J. York	1	do.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
J. S. Smith.	2	do.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
A. Edwards.	2	do.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
P. W. Dempster	2	do.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
T. A. Muir.	3	New West'r.....	3	6 00			6 00
W. Smith.	3	do.....	3	6 00			6 00
E. Bragg.	4	Victoria.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
J. Crossan, P. G. M.	5	Nanaimo.....	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
D. G. Dailey	5	do.....	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
W. Hunter.	6	Wellington.....	3	6 00	54	5 40	11 40
R. Bailey	6	do.....	3	6 00	54	5 40	11 40
J. Peers.	7	Chilliwack.....	3	6 00	50	5 00	11 00
A. B. Miller.	8	Vancouver.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
W. E. Johnstone	8	do.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
S. Clarke, M. D.	9	Kamloops.....	3	6 00	242	24 20	30 20
J. R. Webster.	10	Vancouver.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
D. M. O'Dwyer.	10	do.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
W. G. Elliott	10	do.....	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
A. McKnight	11	Union.....	3	6 00	112	11 20	17 20
J. Palmer	12	Donald.....	3	6 00	449	44 90	50 90
H. Gilley.	13	New West'r.....	2	4 00			4 00
A. Sheret	14	Victoria.....	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
J. C. Murphy	15	Cloverdale.....	3	6 00	16	1 60	7 60
J. Neelands	16	Nelson.....	3	6 00	577	57 70	63 70
H. C. Cooper	18	Vernon.....	3	6 00	372	37 20	43 20

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	Total.
G. H. Middlemiss	19	Mt. Pleasant.	3	\$6 00	12	1 20	7 20
J. Newton	20	Nanaimo	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
R. Bell	20	do	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
F. McCullough	21	Ladner's.	2	4 00	12	1 20	5 20
J. C. Smith	23	Ashcroft.	2	6 00	195	19 50	25 50
D. E. McKay	24	Eburne	3	6 00	18	1 80	7 80
J. A. Stone	25	Revelstoke	3	6 00	370	37 00	43 00
H. J. Rickard	23	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
J. Stark	26	do	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
G. R. Gordon	26	do	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
E. Cockburn	26	do	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
R. May	27	New West'r.	3	6 00			6 00
W. H. Gardiner	27	do	3	6 00			6 00
H. Fooks	28	Agassiz.	3	6 00	62	6 20	12 20
N. McCuish	30	Nanaimo	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
H. Siddall	33	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
W. J. Hanna	33	do	2	4 00	96	9 60	13 60
H. G. Parsons	34	Golden	3	6 00	466	46 60	52 60
H. McDonald	35	Cedar Dist.	3	6 00	52	5 20	11 20
T. Hardy	38	Greenwood	3	6 00	551	55 10	61 10
A. E. Teeter	40	Slocan City	3	6 00	496	49 60	55 60
Total				\$342 00		\$609 00	\$951 00

JOHN NEWTON,
JOS. NEELANDS,
H. C. COOPER,
W. S. SMITH,
D. E. McKAY,
J. YORK.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Warden of the Penitentiary for his kindness in showing the members of this Grand Body through that institution to-day.

Report read from the Committee on Finance, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct and well kept.

The following is an estimate of the Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year :

REVENUE.

Cash balance in Grand Treasurer's hands June 8th, 1898 . . .	\$2072 48
Per Capita Tax, 2800 at 90 cents per member (45 cents on June 30th, and 45 cents on December 31st, 1898)	2520 00
Total Revenue	\$4592 48

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$ 600 00
Grand Master's Expenses	250 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative Tax,	150 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	100 00
Printing	200 00
Premium on Bonds	25 00
Postage Grand Secretary	30 00
Postage Grand Master	15 00
Caretaker Grand Secretary's office	20 00
Card in B. C. Odd Fellow	10 00
Printing Grand Master's Address	8 00
Grand Warden's expenses visiting several Lodges at Grand Master's request	25 00
Grant to Odd Fellows' Home at 5 cents per capita	140 00
Janitor and Light, present Session	10 00
Mileage and Per Diem, this Session	951 00
	\$2534 00
Balance	\$2058 48

Your Committee recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, of Wellington, for its generous donation to the Odd Fellows' Home Fund.

We also recommend that the "Odd Fellows' Home Fund" be invested by the Executive Officers of this Grand Lodge, in the name of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
A. H. FERGUSON,
GEO. R. GORDON,
H. FOOKS,
JAMES S. SMITH,
H. G. PARSONS.

The Grand Secretary presented the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia for the past year, which was on motion ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of this Session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Assessments	\$2407 55
Interest—Dominion Savings Bank	6 80
“ Bank of British Columbia	35
Balance	96 30
	\$2511 18

Expenditure.

Balance per last Report	\$ 311 18
Insurance on death of Bro. L. E. Erb	1000 00
“ “ Bro. I. Thomson	1000 00
Balance of Insurance on Bro. A. Laing	200 00
	\$2511 18

MANAGEMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from last Report	\$356 20
Dues.	193 20
Entrance Fees	15 00
	\$564 49

Expenditure.

Secretary, Salary 12 months	\$100 00	
" Postage, etc.	14 90	
Agents' Commission	86 75	
Medical Referee's Fees	5 50	
Advertising in B. C. Odd Fellow	13 50	
Printing	47 95	
Bond of Secretary-Treasurer	10 00	
Fell & Gregory, legal opinion, etc	21 90	
		\$300 50
Balance		
		\$263 99

SUMMARY.

<i>Balances.</i>		<i>How Invested.</i>	
Credit Balance, Management Fund	\$263 99	In Bank of British Columbia	\$ 96 61
Less Debit Balance Endowment Fund	96 39	In Dominion Government Savings Bank	2 35
		In Secretary-Treasurer's hands	68 64
	\$167 60		\$167 60

Examined and found correct,

WALTER WALKER, P. G., } *Auditors.*
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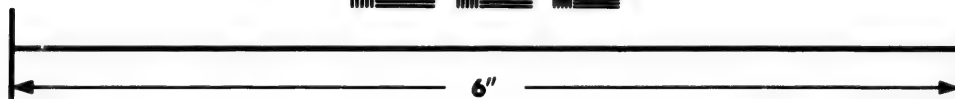
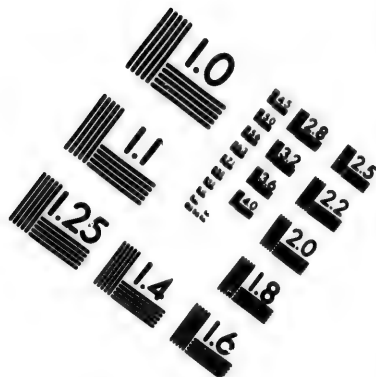
The Committee on Legislation presented the following Report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Legislation passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge relating to members of defunct Lodges, beg to recommend :

1. That an Aged Odd Fellows' Fund be established.
2. That the dues be \$12.00 per year.
3. That the Sick Benefits be \$5 per week.
4. That the Funeral Benefits be \$35.00.





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5. That the Certificate of admission be signed by the N. G., and in his absence the V. G. and Secretary of the defunct Lodge.

D. D. GRIFFITH,
AND. McKNIGHT,
J. C. MURPHY,
H. J. RICKARD,
J. ED. PHILLIPS.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers take place this evening in the Third Degree.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby extended to the Lodges in this city for the very kind manner in which they have entertained the members of this Grand Lodge at this Session.

Moved by Rep. Cockburn, No. 26, and seconded by Rep. Hardy, No. 38,—That this Grand Lodge expresses its satisfaction at the successful maintenance of the B. C. Odd Fellow, the official organ of this Grand Body, and its appreciation of the efforts of Rep. H. J. Rickard, its proprietor and editor, by pledging itself to extend to him all possible help and encouragement in his undertaking. Carried.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to Council No. 1, Royal Templars of Temperance, for its courtesy in granting the use of this Hall on Wednesday evening last, the night of their meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7:30 this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 o'clock P. M., all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives present, who were examined and reported duly qualified, and the Grand Lodge declared open for business.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the calling of the Roll be dispensed with at this Session.

Representatives Rickard, No. 26, and Hardy, No. 38, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary :

The ruling of this Grand Lodge is asked on the following question :

Have not the Charter Members of new Lodges the right to be treated as members who join by Card and become entitled to benefits on their signing the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RICKARD,
THOMAS HARDY.

Rep. Teeter, No. 40, submitted a resolution to instruct the Grand Representatives to vote for the substitution of badges for regalia in Subordinate Lodges, which was decided by the Chair to be out of order, the question having been already decided by the Grand Lodge at this Session.

The request of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to be licensed to do business in this Jurisdiction, laid over from last annual Session, was on motion laid on the table for one year.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and re-opened in the Third Degree for the purpose of installing the Officers for the ensuing year.

The Third Degree members in waiting having been admitted, the Grand Master appointed J. Crossan, P. G. M., and T. C. Gray, P. G. M., to present the officers elect for installation.

A. Henderson was presented, duly obligated and installed as Grand Master.

The Grand Master then installed the following : D. Welsh, Deputy Grand Master; W. E. Johnstone, Grand Warden; Fred. Davey, Grand Secretary; W. Hogg, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments to the Subordinate Offices, and these Brothers were duly installed in their respective Chairs :

S. Clarke, No. 9.....	G. Chaplain.
J. Newton, No. 20.....	G. Marshal.
J. Palmer, No. 12.....	G. Guardian.
P. W. Dempster, No. 2.....	G. Conductor.
J. Peers, No. 7.....	G. Herald.

Also the following as his District Deputies :

A. Stewart, No. 1, District No. 1, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4, 14, 33.

Robt. May, No. 27, District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 3, 13, 27.

Jacob Neen, No. 20, District No. 3, comprising Lodges Nos. 5, 20, 30, 35.

R. Bailey, No. 6, District No. 4, comprising Lodges Nos. 6, 31.

S. Mellard, No. 7, District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 7.

G. H. Middlemiss, No. 19, District No. 6, comprising Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19, 20.

E. C. Davison, No. 9, District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 9.

John Whyte, No. 11, District No. 8, comprising Lodge No. 11.

J. McGinnis, No. 12, District No. 9, comprising Lodge No. 12.

J. C. Murphy, No. 15, District No. 10, comprising Lodge No. 15.

J. Neelands, No. 16, District No. 11, comprising Lodge No. 16.

A. Aitkin, No. 17, District No. 12, comprising Lodge No. 17.
 H. C. Cooper, No. 18, District No. 13, comprising Lodge No. 18.
 W. B. Skinner, No. 21, District No. 14, comprising Lodge No. 21.
 C. Barry, No. 22, District No. 15, comprising Lodge No. 22.
 J. C. Smith, No. 23, District No. 16, comprising Lodge No. 23.
 D. E. McKay, No. 24, District No. 17, comprising Lodge No. 24.
 H. Fooks, No. 28, District No. 18, comprising Lodge No. 28.
 J. A. Stone, No. 25, District No. 19, comprising Lodge No. 25.
 H. G. Parsons, No. 34, District No. 20, comprising Lodge No. 34.
 H. J. Raymer, No. 30, District No. 21, comprising Lodge No. 30.
 J. McLaren, No. 37, District No. 22, comprising Lodge No. 37.
 T. Hardy, No. 38, District No. 23, comprising Lodge No. 38.
 C. E. Lyons, No. 39, District No. 24, comprising Lodge No. 39.
 A. E. Teeter, No. 40, District No. 25, comprising Lodge No. 40.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Sister Mrs. Hutchison, No. 1, for District No. 1, comprising Lodge No. 1.

Sister Mrs. W. Beer, No. 2, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 2, 7.

Sister Steffan, No. 3, for District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 3.

Sister Mrs. Cunningham, No. 5, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 5.

Sister Mrs. Casad, No. 9, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 9.

Sister Mrs. Stainton, No. 10, for District No. 6, comprising Lodge No. 10.

Sister Mrs. L. C. McDonald, No. 11, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 11.

Also the following to form the Standing Committees :

FINANCE.—S. W. Edwards, No. 14; J. S. Smith, No. 2; H. Siddall, No. 33; W. H. Gardiner, No. 27; H. C. Cooper, No. 18.

APPEALS.—J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5; E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5; R. Bell, No. 20; J. Neelands, No. 16; W. J. Hanna, No. 33.

LAW OF SUBORDINATION.—P. W. Dempster, No. 2; A. Sherret, No. 14; Ed. Bragg, No. 4; R. May, No. 27; A. E. Teeter, No. 40.

PETITIONS. Jas. R. Webster, No. 10; T. A. Muir, No. 3; W. Hunter, No. 6; J. Palmer, No. 12; D. E. McKay, No. 24.

STATE OF THE ORDER. E. C. Davison, No. 9; A. R. Miller, No. 8; W. Smith, No. 3; J. C. Murphy, No. 15; F. McCullough, No. 21.

LEGISLATION. S. Clarke, M. D., No. 9; H. Gillanders, No. 7; D. G. Dailey, No. 5; J. York, No. 1; H. A. McDonald, No. 35.

JUDICIARY. J. Stark, No. 26; J. A. Stone, No. 25; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; J. C. Smith, No. 23; H. J. Raymer, P. G. M., No. 30.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM. F. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; R. Bailey, No. 6; A. Edwards, No. 2; D. M. O'Dwyer, No. 10; A. McKnight, No. 11.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary: H. Gilley, No. 13; W. J. Hanna, No. 33; R. Bell, No. 20; J. Pottinger, No. 2.

STATISTICS *re* DUES AND BENEFITS.—Grand Secretary: G. R. Gordon, No. 20; H. B. Gilnour, P. G. M., No. 10.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORITUARY. H. J. Rickard, No. 20; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; H. G. Parsons, No. 34.

The installation having been declared complete, the Third Degree members in attendance retired, and the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third and re-opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That the appointments made by the Grand Master be confirmed.

Report read from the Committee on Judiciary, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the following question, beg to report as follows :

Question.—"Have not the Charter members of new Lodges the right to be treated as members who join by Card and become entitled to benefits on their signing the Constitution?"

Answer.—Yes. A member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled to benefits upon his admission to mem-

bership after signing the Constitution and By-Laws. Article IV, Sec. 8, Constitution of Subs.

JAMES STARK,
D. M. O'DWYER,
RALPH BELL,
D. G. DAILEY.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring Officers for their services during the past year.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That the Chief of the Fire Department be thanked for his kindness for turning out the Department this evening for the benefit of the members of this Grand Lodge.

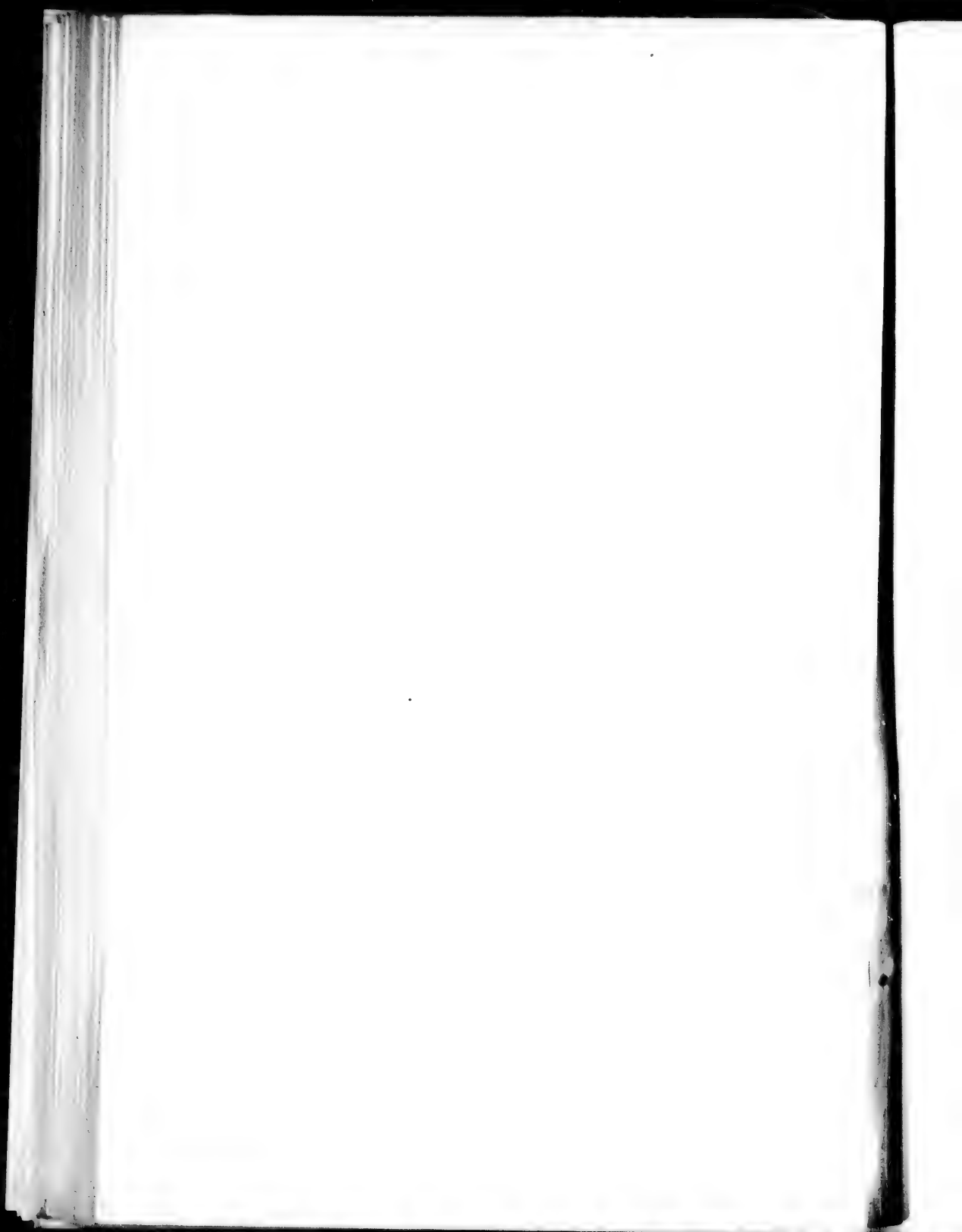
The minutes of this evening's Session were read and on motion adopted.

It was moved, seconded, and carried,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

FRED. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.





In Memoriam.

RICHARD ROBERTS, P. G.

INITIATED IN "VICTORIA" LODGE, NO. 1,
I. O. O. F., 25TH FEBRUARY, 1868.

DIED 24TH DECEMBER, 1897.

GRAND MASTER, 1877.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, 1895-6.

H. KINSMAN, P. G.

INITIATED IN "DELTA" LODGE, NO. 21,
I. O. O. F., 19 MARCH, 1891.

DIED 6TH MAY, 1897.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card			Reinstated.	Error last Report	Withdrawn.
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Victoria, No. 1	Victoria	Monday							1
Columbia, No. 2	do	Wednesday	1						
New Westminster, No. 3	New West'r	Friday							
Dominion, No. 4	Victoria	Thursday	2				1		
Black Diamond, No. 5	Nanaimo	Wednesday							
Harmony, No. 6	Wellington	Monday	2				2		
Excelsior, No. 7	Chilliwack	Tuesday							
Vancouver, No. 8	Vancouver	Friday	4				1		2
Tatnai, No. 9	Kamloops	Monday							
Western Star, No. 10	Vancouver	Thursday	0	1					
Union, No. 11	Union	Friday	1						
Selkirk, No. 12	Donald	Thursday							
Royal City, No. 13	New West'r	do	1						
Acme, No. 14	Victoria	Monday							1
Cloverdale, No. 15	Cloverdale	Saturday					1	1	
Kootenay, No. 16	Nelson	Monday	3	1	1				1
Duncan, No. 17	Duncan	Saturday	2						
Vernon Valley, No. 18	Vernon	Friday	5				2		
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	Mt Pleasant	do	1		1		1		
Centennial, No. 20	Nanaimo	Monday							
Delta, No. 21	Ladner's Lndg	do		1					1
Gold Range, No. 22	North Bend	Saturday	1						
Ashcroft, No. 23	Ashcroft	do							
Island, No. 24	Eburne	Tuesday							
Revelstoke, No. 25	Revelstoke	Thursday	5						
Pacific, No. 26	Vancouver	Monday	4	1					
Amity, No. 27	New West'r	do	2	1			2		
Cheam, No. 28	Agassiz	Saturday							
Friendship, No. 29	Nanaimo	Friday							
Banner, No. 31	Wellington	Wednesday	1						1
Peerless, No. 33	Victoria	Friday	1						
Rocky Mountain, No. 34	Golden	Wednesday	2						
Cedar, No. 35	Cedar District	Saturday						1	
Rossland, No. 36	Rossland	Monday	12	1	1				
Carson, No. 37	Carson	Saturday	1						1
Boundary Valley, No. 38	Greenwood	Tuesday	15	0					
Silver City, No. 39	Sandon	Friday	51	0					
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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F., FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1907

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		3	79		5	5	375 00	30 00		32 25	437 25
2	1	10	135		2	6	711 25	15 50			756 75
	1		44		5	4	218 00	01 00	65 00		344 00
		1	50		2		244 15				244 15
			51	1	31	4	180 00	281 00		112 05	562 05
1			25		5	2	130 50	30 00		30 00	208 50
			21		00	1	50 00	357 50			407 50
1			50		2		207 00	1320 00		81 25	1608 25
5	11	04	22823	5	222	141	\$11022 15	\$3208 00	\$4161 88	\$1082 60	\$24074 63

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING	Initiated.	Admitted by Card	Admitted as An- cient Odd Fellow.	Reinstated.	Error last Report	Withdrawn.
Victoria, No. 1	Victoria	Monday	1					
Columbia, No. 2	do	Wednesday						
New Westminster, No. 3	New West'r	Friday						2
Dominion, No. 4	Victoria	Thursday						
Black Diamond, No. 5	Nanaimo	Wednesday						
Harmony, No. 6	Wellington	Monday				1		1
Excelsior, No. 7	Chilliwack	Tuesday		2				
Vancouver, No. 8	Vancouver	Friday	5			5		1
Tatnai, No. 9	Kamloops	Monday	1	1				
Western Star, No. 10	Vancouver	Thursday	5	1		1		
Union, No. 11	Union	Friday	1	1				
Selkirk, No. 12	Donald	Thursday	5					
Royal City, No. 13	New West'r	do						
Acme, No. 14	Victoria	Monday						2
Cloversdale, No. 15	Cloversdale	Saturday				2		
Kootenay, No. 16	Nelson	Monday	4			1		1
Duncan, No. 17	Duncan	Saturday	1		1			
Vernon Valley, No. 18	Vernon	Friday	1					
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	Mt Pleasant	do				1		
Centennial, No. 20	Nanaimo	Monday	2					
Delta, No. 21	Ladner's Lodg	do	1		1	1		
Gold Range, No. 22	North Bend	Saturday	1					
Ashcroft, No. 23	Ashcroft	do	1			1		1
Island, No. 24	Eburne	Tuesday						
Revelstoke, No. 25	Revelstoke	Thursday	10					
Pacific, No. 26	Vancouver	Monday	4			1		
Amity, No. 27	New West'r	do	2			2	1	
Cheam, No. 28	Agassiz	Saturday	1			1		
Friendship, No. 30	Nanaimo	Friday						
Banner, No. 31	Wellington	Wednesday						1
Peerless, No. 33	Victoria	Friday	1			1		
Rocky Mountain, No. 34	Golden	Wednesday	4	1				
Cedar, No. 35	Cedar District	Saturday						
Rosslund, No. 36	Rosslund	Monday	8	2				
Carson, No. 37	Carson	Saturday	1					
Boundary Valley, No. 38	Greenwood	Tuesday	4	3				
Silver City, No. 39	Sandon	Friday	0	2				1
Slocan, No. 40	Slocan City	Thursday	21	5				
			91	18	2	18	1	10

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F., FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED DEC. 30, 1907

Resigned. Deceased.	Ceased Member- ship by N. P. D.	Error Last Report	Total Number of Members	Rejected	Degrees Conferred	No. of P. Grands.	RECEIPTS				Total
							Dues	Admis's and Degree's	Rents and Invest'd Funds	From all Other Sources	
2	5		119	1	35		\$011 50	\$13 00	\$873 00	\$107 75	\$1035 25
1	10		150	4	30		001 50	11 00	033 42	1 00	1530 92
		1	102		28		471 50				471 50
	12		38		27		525 00		220 80		746 70
	6		115		25		578 50		737 95		1316 45
			135		22		770 75		528 84	253 00	1501 50
	7		23		11		98 00	10 00			108 00
	4		111	12	17		020 00	140 00	44 10	3 50	822 90
	5		02	3	13		330 25	10 00	200 35	102 00	720 00
	6		170	20	23		1084 50	140 00		97 05	1328 15
1	1		50	5	13		258 00	35 00	210 07	42 20	554 87
			77	3	15		373 00	90 00		53 00	522 00
1			71		14		308 50			47 50	416 00
	10		03		14		308 50			11 95	320 45
1	1		30		12		204 25		25 10	5 50	234 85
	7		43	12	10		284 35	171 00	30 00	94 50	585 85
	2		43	3	11		233 00	40 00	43 00		310 00
			32		9		184 50	10 00	108 20		302 70
1	4	1	32		9		178 00	12 00	101 50	1 00	292 50
1			104	6	14		401 00	50 00			511 00
			33	1	3	10	127 00	37 00	42 50	50	207 00
	2		30	1	3	8	201 00	30 00			231 00
	3		20		3	8	100 00	30 00	03 00	13 25	305 25
	2		31		8		146 10		27 00		173 10
	2		43		27	5	275 00	180 00	81 00		536 00
2			235		20	8	1110 80	90 00		25	1216 05
1	20		148		8	7	784 00	68 00	72 00	121 75	1045 75
	1		44		3	7	228 00	37 00	81 00		346 00
			40		4		208 00				208 00
	2		70		2	6	438 00	10 00	20 51	15 00	492 51
	13		124		3	8	770 00	22 50			790 40
			49		11	5	183 00	124 00		70 00	377 00
		1	49		5		270 15	15 00			285 15
1			03		2	5	218 00	208 00		102 00	528 00
1			25		4		102 00			5 00	107 00
			31		14	2	103 00	180 00		5 25	354 25
			06	1	15	3	201 75	185 00		13 25	490 00
			26		53		104 50	415 00	34 00	43 90	597 40
3	12	124	32801	3	245	464	\$14708 30	\$2405 50	\$4388 24	\$1210 70	\$22712 74

ABSTRACT OF THE

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.		No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of Weeks for which Sick Bene- fits were paid.	Relief of Brothers	Relief of Widwd Families
Victoria	Lodge, No. 1	33	1	5	414	\$ 2332 00	\$ 120 00
Columbia	" 2	39	2	2	312	2081 50	...
New Westminster	" 3	6	2	...	66	367 00	40 00
Dominion	" 4	10	1	...	122	679 50	...
Black Diamond	" 5	9	4	1	67	672 50	95 00
Harmony	" 6	27	...	...	117	1020 50	...
Excelsior	" 7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vancouver	" 8	11	...	...	51	580 00	...
Tatnai	" 9	6	...	...	67	515 00	...
Western Star	" 10	18	...	...	90	633 00	...
Union	" 11	13	1	...	158	975 00	...
Selkirk	" 12	6	...	...	114	765 00	...
Royal City	" 13	11	...	...	39	317 50	...
Acme	" 14	11	1	...	71	374 90	28 65
Cloverdale	" 15	5	...	...	26	119 00	...
Kootenay	" 16	4	1	...	16	262 50	...
Duncan	" 17	7	...	...	13	130 00	...
Vernon Valley	" 18	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Pleasant	" 19	5	1	...	11	99 00	...
Centennial	" 20	5	1	...	24	177 50	...
Delta	" 21	3	1	...	5	26 00	...
Gold Range	" 22	5	...	...	20	241 75	...
Ashcroft	" 23	3	...	...	12½	102 00	...
Island	" 24	...	...	...	8	65 00	...
Revelstoke	" 25	3	...	...	9	77 25	...
Pacific	" 26	29	1	...	202	1706 00	...
Amity	" 27	20	1	...	85	690 50	...
Cheam	" 28	4	...	...	8½	52 50	...
Friendship	" 30	7	...	...	37	343 00	...
Banner	" 31	7	...	...	32	267 50	...
Peerless	" 33	19	1	...	91	697 00	...
Rocky Mountain	" 34	1	1	...	4	33 00	...
Cedar	" 35	5	...	...	42	370 00	...
Rossland	" 36	2	1	...	6	36 00	...
Carson	" 37	1	1	...	3	22 50	...
Boundary Valley	" 38	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silver City	" 39	1	...	...	...	4 50	...
Slocan	" 40	1	...	...	4	35 00	...
		337	8	20	2336	\$17450 90	\$ 282 25

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COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F., FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DEC., 1897.

TOTAL PAID FOR.					
Relief of Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief.	Total Amt expended for Relief.	Current Expenses.	Total Assets.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
.....	480 00	307 75	3209 75	5538 30	34095 00
.....	295 00	92 00	2048 50	731 75	35000 00
60 00	35 00	46 00	548 00	357 20	500 00
.....	75 00	90 00	844 50	422 11	10000 00
89 50	110 00	.....	967 00	982 08	28762 00
.....	.....	5 00	1025 50	900 83	11075 95
.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	2700 00
.....	.....	.....	580 00	267 00	7100 78
.....	.....	.....	515 00	783 62	4751 59
.....	.....	44 50	677 50	542 84	5134 43
.....	75 00	3 40	1053 40	408 35	1755 00
.....	.....	30 00	795 00	247 55	3597 97
.....	.....	.....	317 50	385 10	2796 04
.....	.....	.....	401 55	339 95	897 40
.....	25 00	.....	144 00	254 58	3000 00
.....	75 00	.....	337 50	242 25	2500 00
.....	35 00	.....	165 00	487 40	3000 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	166 90	1832 40
.....	.....	.....	99 00	406 10	1000 00
.....	75 00	.....	252 50	328 20	4407 35
.....	89 20	.....	115 20	215 02	1165 47
.....	.....	.....	241 75	192 66	1761 45
.....	.....	12 00	114 00	365 14	2250 00
.....	.....	.....	65 00	66 70	1400 00
.....	47 00	8 00	132 25	170 25	1221 10
.....	60 00	29 00	1795 00	869 31	4863 80
.....	115 00	20 00	825 50	615 66	3640 05
.....	.....	.....	52 50	146 15	1925 95
.....	.....	.....	343 00	191 83	988 50
.....	.....	33 75	301 25	302 70	1537 93
.....	75 00	.....	772 00	515 65	1754 23
.....	75 00	.....	108 00	231 45	1700 91
.....	.....	.....	370 00	231 30	2195 18
.....	57 00	.....	93 00	294 15	1083 15
.....	44 15	.....	66 65	216 02	524 28
.....	.....	.....	.....	116 55	900 00
.....	.....	.....	4 50	849 40	1824 35
.....	.....	.....	35 00	496 40	329 20
\$ 149 50	\$ 1842 35	\$ 781 40	\$ 20506 40	\$ 14903 95	\$ 195901 46

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE		Location.	Noble Grand.
Victoria	Lodge, No. 1	Victoria	E. Shaper, P.G.
Columbia,	" 2	Victoria	J. Phillips
N. Westminster	" 3	N. Westminster	T. Furness
Dominion	" 4	Victoria	J. M. Malcom
Black Diamond	" 5	Nanaimo	G. E. Thompson
Harmony	" 6	Wellington	R. Gregson
Excelsior	" 7	Chilliwack	D. T. Nelmes
Vancouver	" 8	Vancouver	R. Jameson
Tatnai	" 9	Kamloops	T. E. Marshall
Western Star	" 10	Vancouver	J. W. Armstrong
Union	" 11	Union	L. C. McDonald
Selkirk	" 12	Donald	J. H. Stirrett, P.G.
Royal City	" 13	N. Westminster	H. Belyen
Cloverdale	" 15	Cloverdale	J. Bond
Kootenay	" 16	Nelson	A. H. Clements
Duncan	" 17	Duncan	S. Hagan
Vernon Valley	" 18	Vernon	J. E. Matheson
Mt. Pleasant	" 19	Mt. Pleasant	R. B. Hoar
Centennial	" 20	Nanaimo	J. Handlen
Delta	" 21	Ladners	A. Davey
Gold Range	" 22	North Bend	J. Malcom
Ashcroft	" 23	Ashcroft	A. Wood
Island	" 24	Eburne	
Revelstoke	" 25	Revelstoke	J. A. Stone, P. G.
Pacific	" 26	Vancouver	T. S. Brown
Amity	" 27	N. Westminster	E. L. Webber
Cheam	" 28	Agassiz	P. Ward
Banner	" 31	Wellington	W. Maxwell
Peerless	" 33	Victoria	D. Lindsay
Rocky Mount'n	" 34	Golden	C. Pearce
Cedar	" 35	Cedar	J. Hunter
Roseland	" 36	Roseland	J. E. Cummings
Carson	" 37	Carson	W. M. Clark
Bound'y Valley	" 38	Greenwood	M. J. Phelan
Silver City	" 39	Sandon	W. S. Grimmet
Slocan	" 40	Slocan	T. B. Linton

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1898.

Vice Grand.	Recording Sec'y.	Treasurer.	Financial Sec'y.
T.M. Jones, P.G.	E. Davey, P.G.	C. Hayward, P.G.	E. Davey, P.G.
C.W. Jenkinson	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	G. T. For, P. G.	W. Jackson
W. J. Sloan	D.E. McKenzie, P.G.	J. E. Phillips, P.G.	R. L. Reid, P.G.
A. Meyer	T. Bramford, P.G.	P. A. Babington, P.G.	T. Bramford, P.G.
J. Piper	W. H. Morton, P.G.	J. Crossan, P. G.	W. H. Morton, P.G.
R. P. Morris	D. R. Haggart, P.G.	J. McMillan	D. R. Haggart, P.G.
T. Knight	J. Peers, P.G.	J. McEnteehan, P.G.	J. Peers, P.G.
H. E. Matheson	A. Mitchell	S. Hollander	W. E. Johnstone, P.G.
D. Power	E.T.W. Pearce, P.G.	S. P. Gordon	E.T.W. Pearce, P.G.
H. McDonald	W. Law	A. Parker, P.G.	G. Moncrip, P.G.
John End	F. A. Anley	Chas. Whyte	F. A. Anley
T. Johnston	J. Mathie, P.G.		J. Mathie, P.G.
G. T. Reid	D. Welsh, P.G.	M. Phillips	D. Welsh
H. Rose	J. C. Murphy, P.G.	R. D. McKenzie, P.G.	J. C. Murphy, P.G.
A. G. Shaw	F. J. Squire	W. B. Pollard	W. Hudson, P.G.
	E. Gums	C. H. Dickie, P.G.	E. Gums
R. Carswell	D. McIntyre	F. B. Jacques, P.G.	S. C. Smith, P.G.
Rev'd J. Irvine	G. J. McDonald	G. H. Middlemiss, P.G.	H. Graham
P. Caine	G. McKinnell	W. Thorpe	G. McKinnell
W. McIntyre	F. McCullough, P.G.	W. B. Skinner, P.G.	P. Ladner, P.G.
A. Phindister	H. Cancellor	J. Z. Choate, P.G.	H. Cancellor
J.W. Burr, P.G.	W. Shaw, P.G.	W. Fearns, P.G.	W. Shaw, P.G.
P. Moor	T. J. Graham	J. J. Woodrow	
T. B. Godfrey	W. Ramsay	W. H. Malah	H. M. Henderson
H. H. Williams	J. J. Johnston	G. Adams	P. R. Peelo
W. E. Dale	H. L. Calvert	E. H. Probert	H. L. Calvert
C. D. Casnd	Theo. Bryant	M. Matheson	Theo. Bryant
P. A. McLenn	H. Siddall, P.G.	C. Porter, P. G.	H. Siddall, P.G.
J. Henderson	D. M. Rae	C. A. Warren, P.G.	D. M. Rae
Geo. Cole	Rev'd E. G. Miller	H. N. McDonald, P.G.	Rev'd E. G. Miller
D. E. Kerr	W. Murphy	F. W. Pretty	
C. R. Simpson	H. M. Genin	P. B. Nelson, P.G.	H. M. Genin
Thos. Gullely	G. R. Naden	W. J. Harber	F. J. Coates
W.G. Garbutt	A. Harlow	R. J. Brody	A. David
T. Henderson	A. E. Teeter, P.G.	E. S. Andrews	R. E. Allen

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF REBEKAH LODGES.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Members admit'd during the year.		Total Number of Members.		Receipts.	Payments.		Assets
			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.		Relief of Mbs.	Lodge Expenses	
Colfax, No. 1	Victoria.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	4	24	40	\$ 143 95	\$ 99 20	\$ 218 35		
Mizpah, " 2	Vancouver.	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	10	58	54	243 20	222 50	210 50	499 20	
Miriam, " 3	Nanaimo	Alternate Tuesdays	13	14	66	157 75	30 00	67 15	107 63	
Beulah, " 5	New West'r.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	4	31	40	81 50	5 00	102 65	708 17	
Bethel, " 7	Mt. Pleasant	"	16	9	9	113 75	15 00	89 45	5 25	
Laurel, " 9	Wellington	2nd and 4th Thursdays	5	5	61	8 50	19 40	3 80	48 80	
Fidelity, " 10	Ladners	1st and 3rd Saturdays	1	1	5					
Esther, " 11	Union.	Alternate Thursdays	28	24	28					
			16	44	363	\$748 65	\$72 50	\$ 588 35	\$1720 50	

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PAST GRAND MASTERS -OF THE- GRAND LODGE OF B.C., I.O.O.F.

*J. S. DRUMMOND.....	1874.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
JOHN WEILER.....	1875.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
†J. P. DAVIES.....	1876.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
× R. ROBERTS.....	1877.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
‡W. J. JEFFREE.....	1878.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
§CHARLES GOWEN.....	1879.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	1880.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
B. W. SHILES.....	1881.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
HENRY WALLER.....	1882.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS.....	1883.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
W. D. MCKILLICAN.....	1884.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
WM. MCCOLL.....	1885.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
FRED'K CARNE.....	1886.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
||JOSHUA DAVIES.....	1887.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
JOSHUA DAVIES, re-elected	1888.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. H. MELDRAM.....	1889.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
E. QUENNEL.....	1890.....	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
J. E. PHILLIPS.....	1891.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
J. E. PHILLIPS.....	1892.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
JAMES CROSSAN.....	1893.....	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
T. C. GRAY.....	1894.....	Western Star Lodge, No. 10.
W. E. HOLMES.....	1895.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
H. B. GILMOUR.....	1896.....	Western Star Lodge, No. 10.
W. H. MORTON.....	1897.....	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

* Died 6th February, 1884. † Died 20th September, 1879.

‡ Died 18th March, 1885. § Died 8th December, 1892.

× Died 24th December, 1897. || Ceased membership.

ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

A. HENDERSON, Grand Master.....	Victoria.
D. WELSH, Deputy Grand Master.....	New Westminster.
W. E. JOHNSTONE, Grand Warden.....	Vancouver.
FRED'K DAVEY, Grand Secretary.....	Burnside Road, Victoria.
W. HOGG, Grand Treasurer.....	Vancouver.
J. E. PHILLIPS, Grand Representative.....	New Westminster.
T. F. NEELANDS, Grand Representative...	Vancouver.
S. CLARKE, M. D., Grand Chaplain.....	Kamloops.
J. NEWTON, Grand Marshal.....	Nanaimo.
J. PALMER, Grand Guardian.....	Donald.
P. W. DEMPSTER, Grand Conductor.....	Victoria.
J. PEERS, Grand Herald.....	Chilliwack.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held at Vancouver, commencing Wednesday, the 14th of June, 1899.

SUPPLIES.

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, bear the Seal of the Lodge, and be accompanied by the necessary amount to pay the same:

Subordinate Lodge Rituals.....	\$ 3 00
Ritual for Rebekah Lodges <i>only</i>	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates....	25
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Lodges	25
Book of Forms.....	1 25
Book of Odes with music	1 00
White's Digest Edition 1895.....	3 50
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Question Book	1 50
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